

The Possessive Apostrophe

An apostrophe is used with an *s* at the end of a noun.
It shows that something or someone belongs to that noun.

e.g. *the girl's ball*
the boy's bike

A. Put the apostrophe into the words below:

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| 1. the horses head mascot | 8. the teams |
| 2. the sharks fin | 9. Jennys bag |
| 3. the cats owner trunks | 10. the swimmers |
| 4. the lorrys tyres dress | 11. the girls |
| 5. the babys rattle | 12. the rats tail |
| 6. Williams uncle dinner | 13. the dogs |
| 7. my dads job bat | 14. the boys cricket |

B. Put the apostrophe in the sentences below:

1. The taps washer was worn.
2. It is Janes birthday next week.
3. So you know where Johns bag is?
4. Can you find your mothers purse?
5. Andys bike is very smart.
6. I hope the dogs bark will not wake the neighbours baby.
7. Daniels coat is too big.
8. Marys watch has a loud alarm.
9. I clung to the horses mane.
10. I can't remember the songs name.

The Apostrophe

A) Look at the sentences below. You need to decide whether to fill the gap with *its* or *it's*. Think carefully before writing these sentences out in your book.

- 1) Whose coat is this? ___ mine!
- 2) ___ a lovely day today.
- 3) The elephant raised ___ trunk.
- 4) Hurry up, ___ going to rain.
- 5) The book had lost ___ last page.
- 6) ___ raining today.
- 7) The house lost ___ roof in the storm.
- 8) The dog had hurt ___ paw.
- 9) I love this film ___ my favourite.
- 10) "I've been looking forward to this football game. ___ going to be a close match," said Sir Alex Ferguson.

B) Now we are going to practise using the apostrophe for possession. Think about who owns what in this sentence. Be careful, some words are plurals and do not need an apostrophe.

- 11) Peters shoes were filthy dirty after the walk through the forest.
- 12) The policemen's jacket was bright yellow.
- 13) The telephones ring echoed in the empty hallway.
- 14) The Primer Ministers car was hit by an egg.
- 15) Mr Nelsons bag was full of all sorts of useful things.
- 16) The wardrobes doors were clinging on to the hinges.

17) The dentist's office was full of people with toothache.

18) West Ham's captain scored the winning goal.

19) The children's school dinners were delicious.

20) Hundreds of people packed in to the hall to hear the Mayor's speech.

c) Now see if you can write a short narrative paragraph based on our topic of mystery and magic. Try and include apostrophes for possession and both *its* and *it's* in your writing.