

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise recognising apostrophes. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

A **possessive apostrophe** is used to show something belongs to someone or something. **Singular** nouns show possession using an apostrophe followed by an s, for example: the boy's football. **Singular** nouns which end in s follow the same rule, for example: the bus's wheel. **Plural** nouns which end in s show possession using an apostrophe after the s, for example: the childrens' books.

Singular refers to a single noun. For example, 'child' is the singular form of 'children' as it refers to just one.

Plural refers to more than one noun. For example, 'buses' is the plural form of 'bus' as it refers to more than one. Most nouns have both a singular and a plural form.

A **contraction** is a word that has been formed by putting two words together, replacing some letters with an apostrophe, for example 'you are' becomes 'you're'.

Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on <https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/> **playlists >> Year 4 Playlist >> Recognising Apostrophes Answer Explanation.**

Other resources:

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Recognising Apostrophes

1. Possession – book's, cat's, Thomas's, teacher's; Contraction – would've, who'll, I'm, you're, I'll
2. B, C and D.
3. There is a missing apostrophe for possession on James, it should be James's; The apostrophe for contraction is in the wrong place in wouldv'e, it should be would've; Hed is missing an apostrophe for contraction, it should be he'd.