

Year 4 Apostrophes for Plural Possession – Guidance for Parents/Carers

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using apostrophes for plural possession. 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:

An **apostrophe** is a punctuation mark which is used to either show contraction (when a letter or letters have been missed out - for example, 'do not' becomes 'don't') or possession (when something belongs to somebody or some people - for example, Freda's puppy).

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 **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 girls' books.

Irregular refers to when something being described, e.g. noun. does not follow the normal grammatical rules, for example: The plural of mouse is mice.

Other resources:

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1. Girls' and opponents' should be underlined.
2. A
3. No, Jamila is not correct because the apostrophe should be before the 's' in 'peoples' to show plural possession because 'people' is an irregular plural noun.