

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 4: Using Apostrophes for Possession or Contraction

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G5.8) [Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.8) [The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.8) [Apostrophes to mark plural possession \[for example, the girl's name, the girls' names\]](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

**Developing** Rewrite sentences using apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word.

**Expected** Rewrite sentences using apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one word.

**Greater Depth** Rewrite sentences using apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one or both words

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Construct a sentence and include apostrophes for possession where the singular noun does not end in -s and plural nouns are regular.

**Expected** Construct a sentence and include apostrophes for possession where the singular noun can end in -s and with plural nouns which are regular or irregular.

**Greater Depth** Construct a sentence and include apostrophes for possession where two singular nouns are used (Max and Ruby's ball) and with collective nouns, for example: the audience's refreshments.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain how apostrophes have been used in a sentence, including apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word, apostrophes for possession where the singular noun does not end in -s and plural nouns are regular.

**Expected** Explain how apostrophes have been used in sentences, including apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one word, apostrophes for possession where the singular noun can end in -s and with plural nouns which are regular or irregular.

**Greater Depth** Explain how apostrophes have been used in sentences, including apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from both words, apostrophes for possession where two singular nouns are used (Max and Ruby's ball) and with collective nouns, for example: the audience's refreshments.

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## Using Apostrophes for Possession or Contraction

1a. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

We are off to the park later and Sally said she is coming too. I do not know who else will be there as it was not planned very well.



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1b. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

He did not think the rain would stop. They were not going to make it to the beach. The sun had not shone all day.



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2a. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for singular possession in the correct place.

lion

roar



A

2b. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for plural possession in the correct place.

cars

engines



A

3a. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

It hasn't stopped snowing today so Sunil and Tim aren't going to school. They're hoping to go sledging instead.



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3b. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

The cake's icing was the same colour as his favourite football team. The boy's smile made his mum's heart melt.



R

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4a. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

I must have been fast asleep because I did not hear you come in. It has been a long day and I have been up since six o'clock this morning.



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4b. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

We have got to rush as she will be arriving at the airport soon. We should have got up earlier this morning. We would have had plenty of time then.



A

5a. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for plural possession in the correct place.

elves

shoes



A

5b. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for singular possession in the correct place.

watch

strap



A

6a. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

Mr Hastings's vehicle needed to be taken to the garage. The car's handbrake had broken and it had rolled down a hill.



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6b. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

The wolves' howls could be heard from many miles away. The goats' fear rose as the chilling noise reached their ears.



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7a. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

I would do it but I dare not leave the house again without mum knowing. She would be sure to ground me, so I must not let that happen. That would be awful.



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7b. Rewrite the sentences below using apostrophes to contract some of the words.

I shall not be coming to the party as I will not be able to get there. I should have told you earlier but I thought I would have been able to organise a lift. I am sure I would have had a great time.



A

8a. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for possession in the correct place, where two singular nouns are used.

Mia and Parveets

birthday cake



A

8b. Using the words below, write a sentence inserting an apostrophe for possession in the correct place, where a collective noun has been used.

armys

commander



A

9a. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

The jury's verdict made sure that the innocent man was set free. The crowd's cheers could be heard by the journalists waiting outside the courtrooms.



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9b. Explain how the apostrophes have been used in the sentences below.

Carly and Asha's party had been a great success. The party bus's top deck had been converted to a soft play area. Mr Evans's party games had been fun to play too.



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### Developing

1a. We're off to the park later and Sally said she's coming too. I don't know who else will be there as it wasn't planned very well.

2a. Various answers, for example: The lion's roar could be heard from many miles away.

3a. Apostrophes used for contraction.

### Expected

4a. I must've been fast asleep because I didn't hear you come in. It's been a long day and I've been up since six o'clock this morning.

5a. Various answers, for example: The elves' shoes were made of soft, green leather.

6a. Possessive apostrophes have been used with singular nouns.

### Greater Depth

7a. I'd do it but I daren't leave the house again without mum knowing. She'd be sure to ground me, so I mustn't let that happen. That'd be awful.

8a. Various answers, for example: Mia and Parveet's birthday cake was in the shape of an elephant.

9a. Possessive apostrophes used with collective nouns.

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### Developing

1b. He didn't think the rain would stop. They weren't going to make it to the beach. The sun hadn't shone all day.

2b. Various answers, for example: The cars' engines roared as they lined up on the track.

3b. Possessive apostrophes have been used with singular nouns.

### Expected

4b. We've got to rush as she'll be arriving at the airport soon. We should've got up earlier this morning. We'd have had plenty of time then.

5b. Various answers, for example: The watch's strap had broken.

6b. Possessive apostrophes have been used with plural nouns.

### Greater Depth

7b. I shan't be coming to the party as I won't be able to get there. I should've told you earlier but I thought I'd have been able to organise a lift. I'm sure I'd have had a great time.

8b. Various answers, for example: The army's commander lead the troops into battle.

9b. Possessive apostrophes have been used with singular nouns.