

Year 4 – Spring Block 1 – Apostrophes

Using Apostrophes for Possession or Contraction

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

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 \[for example, the girl's name, the girls' names\]](#)

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Notes and Guidance

- Children should now be confident in recognising apostrophes for possession and contraction, using them for plural possession and also knowing when not to use them.
- This step combines all of that knowledge together to practice using apostrophes in all the various ways.
- Children should also understand that when a noun is substituted with a pronoun, the possessive pronouns do not need apostrophes. These possessive pronouns include: *its, his, hers, ours* and *theirs*.

Focused Questions

- Has this apostrophe been used for possession or contraction?
- Is this apostrophe showing singular or plural possession?
- Re-write this sentence using an apostrophe for possession/contraction.
- Re-write this sentence so that it uses apostrophes accurately.

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Step 4: Using Apostrophes for Possession or Contraction

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let's

let us

shan't

it is

wasn't

should have

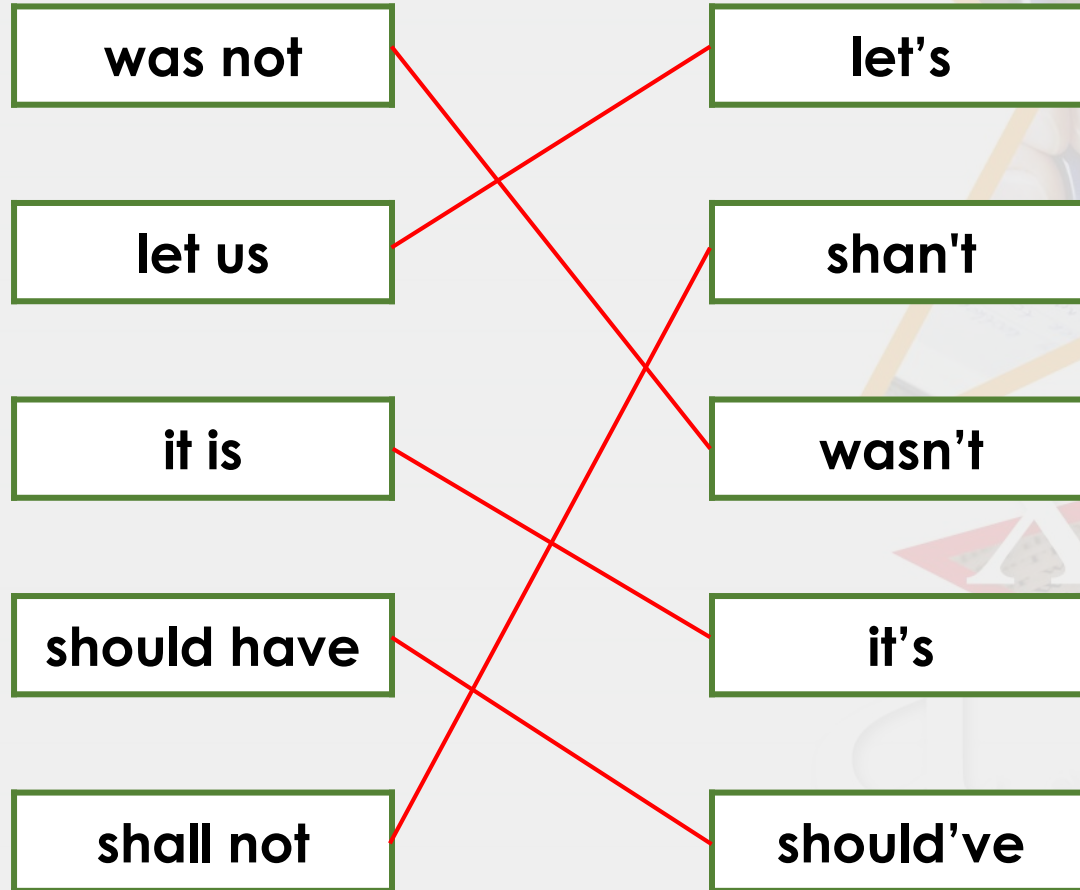
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False – the apostrophe is for possession.

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Various answers, for example: The knife's blade needed sharpening.

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