<u>Varied Fluency</u> Step 3: When Should You NOT Use An Apostrophe?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G5.8) <u>Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with</u> plural nouns

English Year 4: (4G5.8) <u>The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s</u> English Year 4: (4G5.8) <u>Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]</u>

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising correct use of apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the pronoun does not end in -s. Possessive pronouns include its, their, hers.

Expected Questions to support recognising correct use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the pronoun can end in -s. Possessive pronouns include theirs, ours, his, mine.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising correct use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from multiple words and apostrophes for possession where two pronouns are used (Max and Ruby's ball). Possessive pronouns include yours singular and yours plural.

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1a. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

1b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

Dad asked the children to tidy their toy's up quickly.

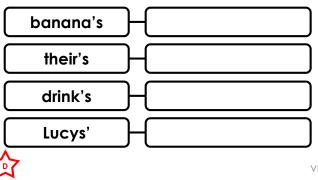
The coach wanted his team to win all of their game's this season.

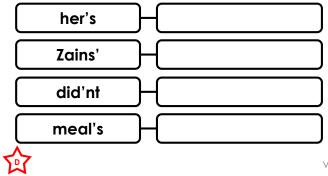




2a. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.

2b. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.





3a. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

3b. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

The dog's treat's were well hidden.

Our cars' engine doesn't work because it's worn out.

My mums' friend's are kind to me so I'm happy when they come round.

The cat's kitten's are really cute.





4a. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

4b. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

I think it's claws are too long and might need to be trimmed.

Education's the way to a better future, so wer'e going to work very hard.

The children's bag's are lying all over the floor.

The kitten cry's when he want's to be fed by his mum.

Aren't we using our armband's in the pool today?

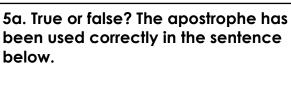
The bird fly's south in the winter where the weather's warmer.





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5b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

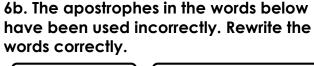
"Molly, please will you collect the pencil's?" asked the teacher.

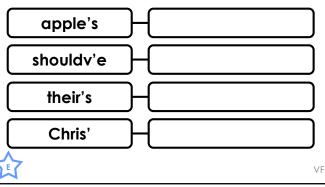
"May I have some grape's, please?" asked Mohammed.

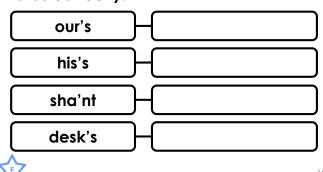




6a. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.







7a. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

7b. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

The cow's calve's are very cute.

My sister's hairclip's look pretty.

The teachers' pen would'nt work because it'd run out.

My dads' razor doesn't work because its' blunt.





8a. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

8b. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

We're worried about all the bike's on the roads.

"That phone is his's," I yelled.

Time fly's when you're enjoying yourself.

My baby brother cry's when he's hungry because he ca'nt talk yet.

The childrens' books are in a mess and I'm not tidying them up!

Why didn't you help the elderly person pick up the thing's they'd dropped?





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9a. True or false? The apostrophes have been used correctly in the sentence below.

9b. True or false? The apostrophes have been used correctly in the sentence below.

Sh'ed better not get her hands dirty now, or she wo'nt be able to bake the cake's!

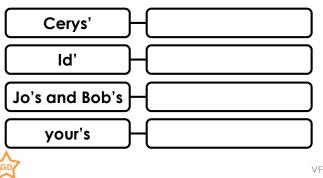
Yo'ud better not set off late, or youl'I miss the training session's.

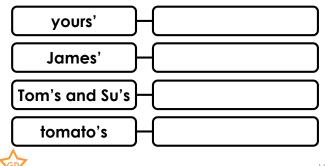




10a. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.

10b. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.





11a. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

11b. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

The elve's worked hard in the shoemaker's workshop to finish the shoes.

They're marching through the streets down ther'e, as is the'ir right!

I hope you're proud of you'r art. You've done an amazing job!

Wow, that's amazing! You've done a brilliant job with Thomas's outfit.





12a. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

12b. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

"Is this your's?" I ask'd my sister when I found a jumper on the floor.

I saw a pencil on the floor, so I asked all of my friends, "Is this yours'?"

The fly's wings are injured. It no longer flies as fast as the other fly's.

My puppy cry's for milk from it's mum when it's hungry, which is all the time.

Max and Rubys' ball was lost in Adils' garden where they'd just planted new flower's.

We'd forgotten to thank Jan and Annas' mum for the lift when she'd dropped us off at the schools' gate.







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Developing

1a. False, it should be 'toys'.

2a. bananas, theirs, drinks, Lucy's

3a. dog's, I'm

4a. It's, bag's, armband's

Expected

5a. False, it should be 'pencils'.

6a. apples, should've, theirs, Chris's

7a. cow's, it'd

8a. Bike's, fly's, childrens'

Greater Depth

9a. False, it should be 'she'd', 'won't' and 'cakes'.

10a. Cerys's, I'd, Jo and Bob's, yours

11a. shoemaker's, you're, you've

12a. your's, ask'd, fly's (second use),

Ruby's, Adils', flower's

<u>Developing</u>

1b. False, it should be 'games'.

2b. hers, Zain's, didn't, meals

3b. doesn't, it's, cat's

4a. wer'e, cry's, want's, fly's

Expected

5b. False, it should be 'grapes'.

6b. ours, his, shan't, desks

7b. sister's, doesn't

8b. his's, cry's, ca'nt, thing's

Greater Depth

9b. False, it should be 'You'd', 'you'll' and 'sessions'.

10b. yours, James's, Tom and Su's, tomatoes

11b. They're, that's, You've, Thomas's

12b. yours', cry's, it's, Annas', schools'

