

Application and Reasoning

Step 3: When Should You NOT Use An Apostrophe?

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, correcting apostrophe errors. Vocabulary includes noun plurals, contractions (with one letter omitted), possession where the noun doesn't end in –s and possessive pronouns ('its', 'his', 'hers').

Expected Rewrite sentences, correcting apostrophe errors. Vocabulary includes noun plurals, contractions (with one or more letters omitted), possession where the noun ends in –s and possessive pronouns ('theirs', 'ours', 'mine').

Greater Depth Rewrite sentences, correcting apostrophe errors. Vocabulary includes noun plurals, contractions (with one or more letters omitted from both words), possession where two singular nouns are used and possessive pronouns ('yours' singular and plural).

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

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1a. Rewrite these sentences and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

Im' going to my friend's house today. Wer'e having a snack and playing his' computer game's.



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1b. Rewrite these sentences and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

I do'nt want to go to gym club today. My ankle hurt's a lot and the exercise's will make it worse.



A

2a. Ava is completing the following sentence.

I'm looking forward to playing _____ with my friends outside.

Ava says,



I need to write game's to finish the sentence.

Is Ava right? Explain your answer.



R

2b. Ben is completing the following sentence.

_____ don't open their eyes for the first week of their life.

Ben says,



I need to write Kitten's to finish the sentence.

Is Ben right? Explain your answer.



R

3a. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentence below?

My sisters' book looks really interesting, but I must'nt read it before she does because they are her's.

Explain your answer.



R

3b. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentence below?

I would like to try to ride Marias' bike, but Im' not sure if she will let me.

Explain your answer.



R

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4a. Rewrite these sentences and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

On Friday morning, were going to get our's bike's and ride to our friends houses. My brothers' a bit worried about us riding in lot's of traffic.



A

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4b. Rewrite these sentences and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

On Saturday's we go swimming, Iv'e got to wear armband's, and afterwards my friends' mum joins us and we have some drink's.



A

5a. Zain is completing the following sentence.

I can't wait to open all my _____ after my party.

Zain says,



I need to write present's to finish the sentence.

Is Zain right? Explain your answer.



R

5b. Chloe is completing the following sentence.

The children are waiting for their _____ because they are late.

Chloe says,



I need to write parent's to finish the sentence.

Is Chloe right? Explain your answer.



R

6a. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentence below?

Lewis's cat's all have very bright collar's so he can see them when it's dark.

Explain your answer.



R

6b. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentence below?

Bess' book's are all over her bed, not mine's, as sh'es decided to read all of them.

Explain your answer.



R

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7a. Rewrite this sentence and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

Id' like to go to see the latest film's at the cinema with my friend's, but my dad wo'nt let me in case I get scared.



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7b. Rewrite this sentence and correct all the apostrophe mistakes.

Adil's and Mariam's parent's want to take them bowling as they'l enjoy it and its' great fun for all the family.



A

8a. Fatima is completing the following sentence.

My brother's birthday is today and I think he'll get lots of _____ .

Fatima says,



I need to write gift's to finish the sentence.

Is Fatima right? Explain your answer.



R

8b. Jojo is completing the following sentence.

I'm going to share my fruit with my _____ as they'll enjoy it.

Jojo says,



I need to write friend's to finish the sentence.

Is Jojo right? Explain your answer.



R

9a. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentences below?

I think Sam's and Ellies' puppie's are even cuter than your's! I'd love to buy one, but my dad wo'nt let me.

Explain your answer.



R

9b. Have the apostrophes been used correctly in the sentences below?

We all enjoyed watching the programme's at Priya and Rahuls' house. Its very kind of them to invite us to their's.

Explain your answer.



R

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Developing

- 1a. Children should correct the following mistakes: I'm, we're, his, games.
- 2a. No, it should be games because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 3a. No, it should be sister's, mustn't and hers.

Expected

- 4a. Children should correct the following mistakes: we're, our, bikes, friends', brother's, lots.
- 5a. No, it should be presents because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 6a. Partly. Lewis's is correct but cats and collars do not need an apostrophe.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Children should correct the following mistakes: I'd, films, friends won't.
- 8a. No, it should be gifts because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 9a. No, it should be Sam and Ellie's, puppies, yours and won't.

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- 1b. Children should correct the following mistakes: don't, hurts, exercises.
- 2b. No, it should be Kittens because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 3b. No, it should be Maria's and I'm.

Expected

- 4b. Children should correct the following mistakes: Saturdays, I've, armbands, friend's, drinks.
- 5b. No, it should be parents because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 6b. No, it should be Bess's, books, mine and she's.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Children should correct the following mistakes: Adil and Mariam's, parents, they'll, it's.
- 8b. No, it should be friends because it is not showing possession or omission.
- 9b. No it should be programmes, Priya and Rahul's, it's and theirs.