

Application and Reasoning

Step 4: Plural or Possessive?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G5.8) [Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns \[for example, the girl's name\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- English Year 2: (2G5.8) [apostrophe](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Punctuating a sentence with an apostrophe for possession. Singular nouns, using CVC, CCVC and CVCC words that do not end in s. Using regular plurals.

Expected Punctuating two sentences with an apostrophe for possession. Using regular and irregular plurals.

Greater Depth Punctuating two sentences with an apostrophe for possession. Using regular and irregular plurals in a variety of sentence types that contain conjunctions.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Writing a sentence using an s for a plural or 's for possession. Singular nouns, using CVC, CCVC and CVCC words that do not end in s. Using regular plurals.

Expected Writing a sentence using an s for a plural or 's for possession. Using regular and irregular plurals.

Greater Depth Writing a sentence using an s for a plural or 's for possession. Using regular and irregular plurals in a variety of sentence types that contain conjunctions.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explaining if an s for a plural or 's for possession has been used correctly in a sentence. Singular nouns used are CVC, CCVC and CVCC words that do not end in s. Plurals are regular.

Expected Explaining if an s for a plural or an 's for possession have been used correctly in given sentences. Using regular and irregular plurals.

Greater Depth Explaining if an s for a plural or an 's for possession have been used correctly in given sentences. Using regular and irregular plurals in a variety of sentence types that contain conjunctions.

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1a. Punctuate the sentence below by adding an apostrophe in the correct place.

The mans hat was lost.



A

1b. Punctuate the sentence below by adding an apostrophe in the correct places.

The ships mast was big.



A

2a. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with a plural.

frogs	jump
pond	frog's



A

2b. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with an apostrophe for possession.

pans	lid
pan's	hot



A

3a. Ben has written a sentence. He says it is correct. Do you agree?

The dog had cuts on his leg's.

Explain your answer.



R

3b. Tom has written a sentence. He says it is correct. Do you agree?

The cat's paws were wet.

Explain your answer.



R

Plural or Possessive?

4a. Punctuate the sentences below by adding apostrophes in the correct places.

The girls books are on her shelf.

One book is called, 'The Unicorns Birthday'.



A

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4b. Punctuate the sentences below by adding apostrophes in the correct places.

The vet cut the rabbits claws.

The vets scissors needed to be very sharp.



A

5a. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with a plural.

boys	park
football	boy's



A

5b. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with an apostrophe for possession.

men's	shirts
mens	white



A

6a. Sam has written 2 sentences. He says they are correct. Do you agree?

The girl's played out together.

They played out until Lucys mum called her in for tea.

Explain your answer.



R

6b. Tess has written 2 sentences. She says they are correct. Do you agree?

The teacher's computer would not work.

She asked the children to read their books.

Explain your answer.



R

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7a. Punctuate the sentences below by adding apostrophes in the correct places.

Mums bags were heavy because she had bought lots of vegetables.

Amys mum asked her to help unpack the bags because her arms hurt.



A

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7b. Punctuate the sentences below by adding apostrophes in the correct places.

The childrens bedrooms are messy because there are toys on the floor.

Emilys bedroom is messier than Joshuas bedroom.



A

8a. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with a plural.

girls	played
park	girl's
until	teatime



A

8b. Choose some words from the word bank to write a sentence with an apostrophe for possession.

fur	teddies
teddy's	missing
because	old



A

9a. Joe has written 2 sentences. He says both are correct. Do you agree?

"Clean your hamster's cage!" shouted George's mum.

George wanted more pets but his mum had said no.

Explain your answer.



R

9b. Elsie has written 2 sentences. She says both are correct. Do you agree?

The builder hammered nail's into the floor boards.

His hammers handle was broken because he dropped it.

Explain your answer.



R

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Developing

- 1a. The man's hat was lost.
2a. Various answers, for example:
Frogs like to jump out of the pond.
3a. Ben is incorrect because an s is added to leg to show there is more than one leg. The leg does not have anything belonging to it.

Expected

- 4a. The girl's books are on her shelf. One book is called, 'The Unicorn's Birthday'.
5a. Various answers, for example:
The boys went to the park to play football.
6a. Sam is incorrect because girls should not have an apostrophe. The s is to show there is more than one girl. An 's should be added to Lucy to show mum belongs to Lucy.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Mum's bags were heavy because she had bought lots of vegetables. Amy's mum asked her to help unpack the bags because her arms hurt.
8a. Various answers, for example:
The girls played in the park until it was teatime.
9a. Joe is correct because you need 's to show the cage belongs to the hamster and mum belongs to George. The s is added to pets to show there is more than one.

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Developing

- 1b. The ship's mast was big.
2b. Various answers, for example:
The pan's lid was hot.
3b. Tom is correct because the 's shows the paws belong to the cat.

Expected

- 4b. The vet cut the rabbit's claws. The vet's scissors needed to be very sharp.
5b. Various answers, for example:
The men's shirts were white.
6b. Tess is correct because the 's shows the computer belongs to the teacher. The s on books shows there is more than one book.

Greater Depth

- 7b. The children's bedrooms are messy because there are toys on the floor. Emily's bedroom is messier than Joshua's bedroom.
8b. Various answers, for example:
The teddy's fur was missing because the it was very old.
9b. Tess is incorrect because there should only be an s added to nail to show there is more than one nail. There should be 's added to hammer to show the handle belongs to the hammer.