

Use the apostrophe for possession: Read the slides below to help you understand when and how we use the apostrophe for possession.

1

Who Does It Belong To?

Possession

The blue bike belongs to Max.

The red car belongs to Jodie.

The football belongs to Samuel.

When we own or have something it is called possession.

2

Apostrophes to Show Possession

These are Maddison's parents.

What do you notice about this sentence? Look at the name Maddison.

This sentence contains an apostrophe.

The apostrophe in this sentence tells us that the parents belong to Maddison.
We need the apostrophe to make it clear to our reader who it belongs to.

3

Apostrophes to Show Possession

When we say something belongs to someone, we add an 's' to the end of the word. However we also do this when the word becomes plural.

So we add an apostrophe before the 's' to show our reader we mean 'belongs to'

one cat

two cats

The cat's bed

The dog's bed

4

What Is Plural Possession?

Apostrophes can be used to show that something belongs to someone or something. This is called **possession**. When we are talking about more than one thing, we call this **plural**.

The **dogs'** leads were too long.

The **children's** lunch was delayed.

If the noun is plural and ends with an s, we just attach the apostrophe to it without an additional s.
If the noun is plural and does not end with s, we add 's to the end.

5

Plural Possession

Have a look at the table below. See how the singular form of the noun has been turned into the plural form of the noun and where the apostrophe has been placed to show **plural possession**.

| Singular | Plural | Plural Possession |
|----------|---------|-------------------|
| shark | sharks | sharks' |
| monkey | monkeys | monkeys' |
| ship | ships | ships' |
| parrot | parrots | parrots' |
| pirate | pirates | pirates' |

Activity:

1. Read Chapter 4 ('Down but not Defeated') and Chapter 5 ('Attack of the Apes') or ask someone to read them aloud to you:

Down but Not Defeated

- Egg:** Where are your hats? They have disappeared!
- Barnaby:** I'm unhappy to say the monkeys took them!
- Egg:** Did I mishear? Did you say monkeys?
- Captain:** Monkeys stole our hats and disappeared into the jungle with them.
- Egg:** Do you think they will return them?
- Captain:** I'm afraid I mistrust misbehaving monkeys!
- Stragglebeard:** Monkeys are so mischievous!
- Barnaby:** I utterly dislike untrustworthy monkeys!
- Egg:** It's unusual for them to be so unfriendly!
- Captain:** We will never recover them now.
- Egg:** Maybe they are just misunderstood monkeys.

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Attack of the Apes

While Captain Starling's crew were sorting themselves out, the Black Pirates had found their way to the sand dunes, but were unsure what to do next. Because the corner of the map was missing they had no idea where the treasure was buried.

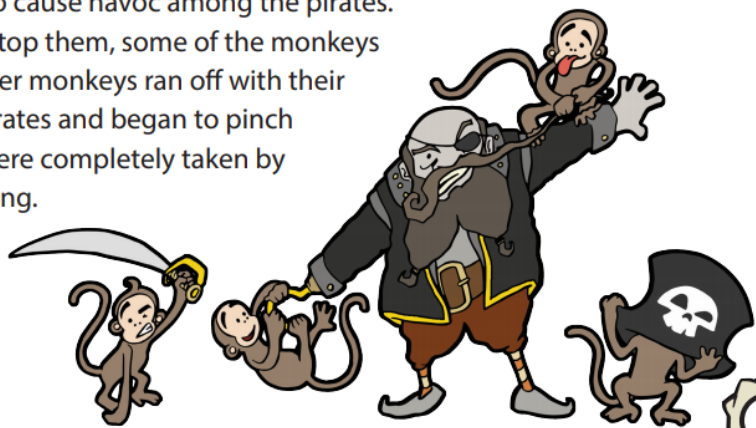
"What we be doing then?" asked Tooth.

"We be digging holes all over the ruddy beach! That's what we be doing. Get digging, me hearties!" ordered Captain Blackheart.

Grumbling and cursing, the pirates laid their weapons on the beach and picked up their shovels and spades. Then, as if from nowhere, the troop of monkeys suddenly reappeared and began to cause havoc among the pirates.

Before they could do anything to stop them, some of the monkeys made off with their pistols and other monkeys ran off with their cutlasses. Some jumped on the pirates and began to pinch and bite them. The pirates, who were completely taken by surprise, fell to the ground screaming.

Before they knew what was going on, the monkeys had taken their hats and bandanas (along with a whole bunch of other things) and disappeared back into the Jungle.



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2. Complete the sheet below, writing the corrected sentences out into your book. For each sentence, go through the following process:

- Identify the noun (the thing that is doing the belonging) (e.g. 'hats' in the first question)
- Ask yourself: *Who does the noun belong to?* e.g. *Who do the hats belong to?* Answer: *they belong to the pirates.* The apostrophe will go after the word you give as your answer. In the case of the first sentence, the answer to *who do the hats belong to?* is *the pirates*, so the apostrophe is placed like this: *pirates'* (remember that you don't need to use 's after a word that ends in s already).

If the hat had belonged to one pirate, you would have asked the question: *who does the hat belong to?* Your answer would have been *the pirate* and so the apostrophe would have been placed like this: *pirate's*

Red pirates

Name: _____

I can use the apostrophe for possession.   

Write an apostrophe where it is needed.

1

The monkeys took all the pirates hats.

2

They took Captain Blackhearts hook.

3

They stole the first mates belt.

4

They took Skulls earring.

5

They even tried to take Horaces wooden leg, but made do with the pirates shoe instead.

6

They took the captains cutlass and one of the pirates pistols.

7

However, they did leave the pirates shovels and spades.

8

the tail of the monkey the monkey's tail

11

the peg leg of the pirate

9

the hats of the pirates

12

the tails of the monkeys

10

the eyepatch of the captain

13

the weapons of the crew

Extension

Write things that belong to all eight pirates using the apostrophe for possession.

Chapter 3

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ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)

Attack of the Apes – *Apostrophe for possession*
Answers to pages 97 – 100

The monkeys took all the pirates' hats.

They took Captain Blackheart's hook.

They stole the first mate's belt.

They took Skull's earring.

They even tried to take Horace's wooden leg, but made do with the pirate's shoe instead.

They took the captain's cutlass and one of the pirate's pistols.

However, they did leave the pirates' shovels and spades.

the monkey's tail

the pirates' hats

the captain's eyepatch

the pirate's peg leg

the monkeys' tails

the crew's weapons