

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 2: Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

### 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 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain whether an apostrophe has been used correctly to show possession with a regular plural noun (ending in 's').

**Expected** Explain whether an apostrophe has been used correctly to show possession with an irregular plural noun (does not end in 's').

**Greater Depth** Explain whether an apostrophe has been used correctly to show possession with a collective noun.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Change a noun from singular to a regular plural in a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession.

**Expected** Change a noun from singular to an irregular plural in a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession.

**Greater Depth** Change a collective noun in a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

**Developing** Use a word bank to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession with a regular plural noun (ending in 's').

**Expected** Use a word bank to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show possession with an irregular plural noun (does not end in 's').

**Greater Depth** Write a sentence using a given collective noun and an apostrophe to show possession. No word bank given.

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1a. Sara thinks she has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

The alarms on the girl's watches all beeped at the same time.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



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1b. Bradley thinks he has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

My cat's collars are all different colours.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



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2a. Change the noun below to the plural form with an apostrophe to show possession.

tree

Some \_\_\_\_\_ leaves turn orange and brown in autumn.



A

2b. Change the noun below to the plural form with an apostrophe to show possession.

pen

The \_\_\_\_\_ ink has run out too quickly.



A

3a. Use the word bank below to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession.

the	lunches	up
mixed	were	boys



A

3b. Use the word bank below to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession.

had	snakes	dry
the	run	venom



A

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4a. Janet thinks he has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

The womens' mobiles both began to ring at the same time.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



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4b. Maria thinks she has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

The dentist says that my teeths' enamel is wearing thin.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



R

5a. Change the noun below to the plural form with an apostrophe to show possession.

person

The \_\_\_\_\_ shouting became louder and louder.



A

5b. Change the noun below to the plural form with an apostrophe to show possession.

child

I picked up all the \_\_\_\_\_ clothes from the floor.



A

6a. Use the word bank below to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession.

was	eaten	mices
cheese	the	quickly



A

6b. Use the word bank below to write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession.

closed	toilet	was
the	today	mens



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7a. Emily thinks she has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

The flocks' birds were flapping their wings in unison.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



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7b. Usman thinks he has used the apostrophe correctly in the sentence below.

The unkindness' largest raven was missing an eye.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.



R

8a. Change the collective noun below into the possessive form.

**pride**

The \_\_\_\_\_ strongest female members were out hunting.



A

8b. Change the collective noun below into the possessive form.

**swarm**

The \_\_\_\_\_ queen bee was in charge of all the worker bees.



A

9a. Write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession using the plural form of the word 'school'.

9b. Write a sentence using an apostrophe to show plural possession using the plural form of the word 'coven'.



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### Developing

1a. No, it should be girls'. The plural already ends in s, so only an apostrophe is added.

2a. trees'

3a. The boys' lunches were mixed up.

### Expected

4a. No, it should be 'women's'. The plural doesn't end in s, so an apostrophe is added, followed by an s.

5a. people's

6a. The mice's cheese was eaten quickly.

### Greater Depth

7a. No, it should be flock's. The plural doesn't end in s, so an apostrophe is added, followed by an s.

8a. pride's

9a. Example answer: The school's smallest fish were usually the fastest swimmers.

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### Developing

1b. No, it should be cats'. The plural already ends in s, so only an apostrophe is added.

2b. pens'

3b. The snakes' venom had run dry.

### Expected

4b. No, it should be teeth's. The plural doesn't end in s, so an apostrophe is added, followed by an s.

5b. children's

6b. The men's toilet was closed today.

### Greater Depth

7b. No, it should be unkindness's. An apostrophe followed by an s is needed here as the last s is pronounced.

8b. swarm's

9b. Example answer: The coven's wicked spell put the unsuspecting town to sleep.