

Apostrophes 1: Showing missing letters

See the handouts on **Apostrophes** and **Short forms** if you need help to complete these exercises.

Building a word wall

Read the words in the bricks. Then write the words out in full underneath them.

she's she is	don't -----	I'll -----	you're -----	
	they'd -----	it's -----	you've -----	we're -----
won't -----	he'd -----	can't -----	she'll -----	

Apostrophe search

Add apostrophes to the shortened words in the following sentences:

1. Plants cant grow if they dont have water.
2. Hes seen the film already so he doesnt want to come with us.
3. It wont be long before its time for lunch.
4. She wasnt warm enough because shed left her scarf at home.
5. You havent lost your notebook. Its on the table with ours.

Now rewrite the sentences spelling out the shortened words in full.

1. Plants cannot grow if they do not have water.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Apostrophes 2: Showing ownership

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Things that belong

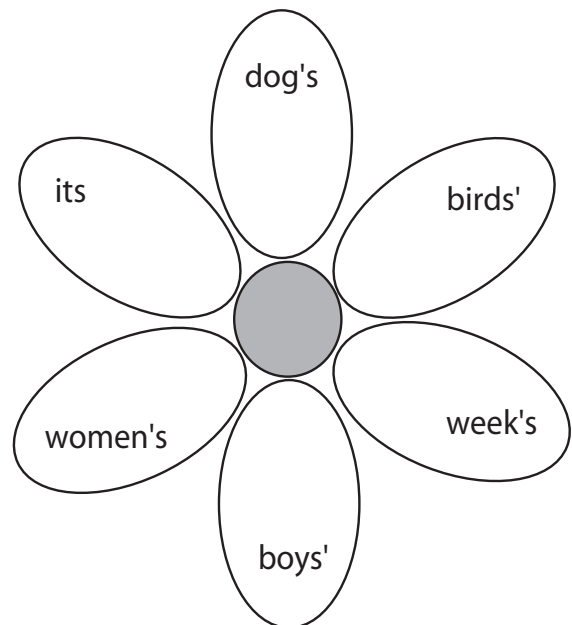
Underline the words in each sentence that are usually written using an apostrophe. Write them out with an apostrophe.

1. The hat of the man was blown off his head. man's hat
2. The eyes of the fox glowed in the headlights. _____
3. The button was missing from the coat of James. _____
4. The surgery of the doctors was closed. _____
5. They went upstairs to the room of the children. _____

Flower power

Read the words in the flower petals.

Write a sentence using each one correctly.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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What's that apostrophe for?

The passage below contains some apostrophes that show missing letters and some that show ownership. Read it and circle the words with apostrophes.

Write each word, or pair of words, in the correct column on the notepad.

Mr Jones was having a bad day. He'd overslept and didn't have time for breakfast. He'd simply washed and dressed, then rushed out of the house, tripping over the neighbours' cat as he ran down the path.

'Oh look,' said Lucy. 'Dad's forgotten his scarf.'

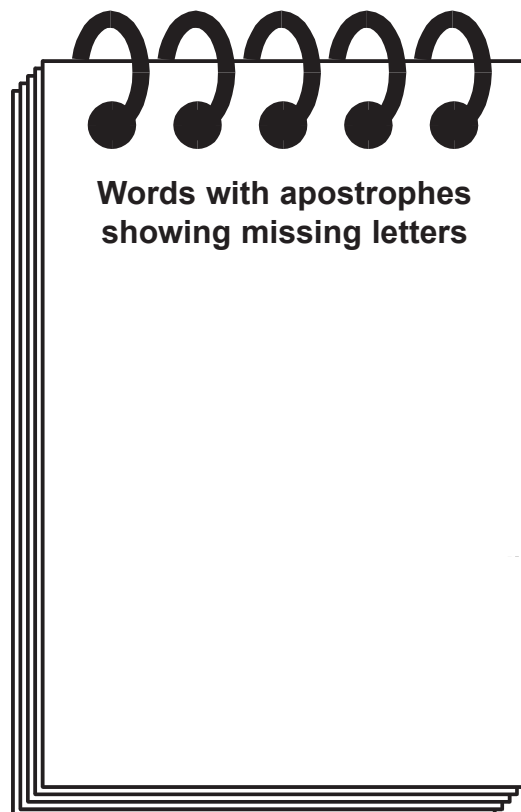
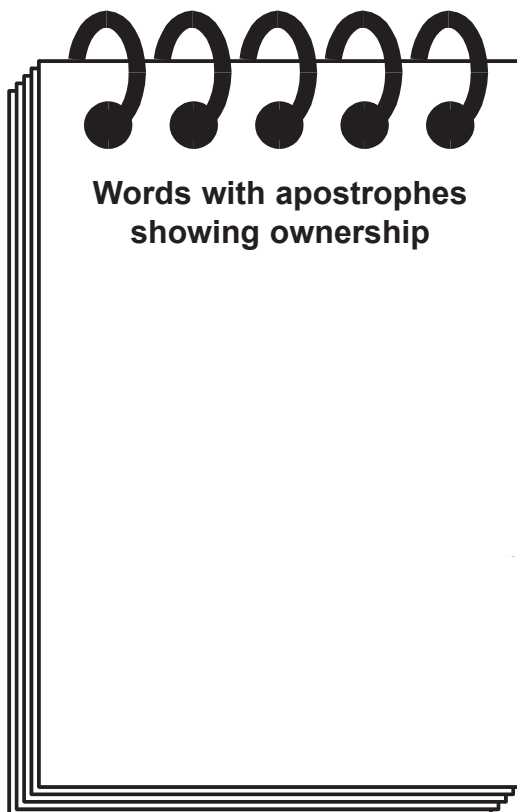
'And here's Dad's umbrella,' added John.

'Oh dear,' sighed Mum. 'He'll need those. Run after him, John, he can't have got far. He's always complaining he's unfit and needs to go to Paul's gym.'

'Don't be silly, Mum,' replied John. 'He often gets a lift in Mrs Davis's car. I'll never catch him now.'

'Yes, I suppose you're right. We'll just have to hope the weather's not as bad as yesterday so he doesn't get wet.'

'Let's hurry or you'll both be late for school. It's Thursday, so don't forget you need your sports kit, Lucy.'



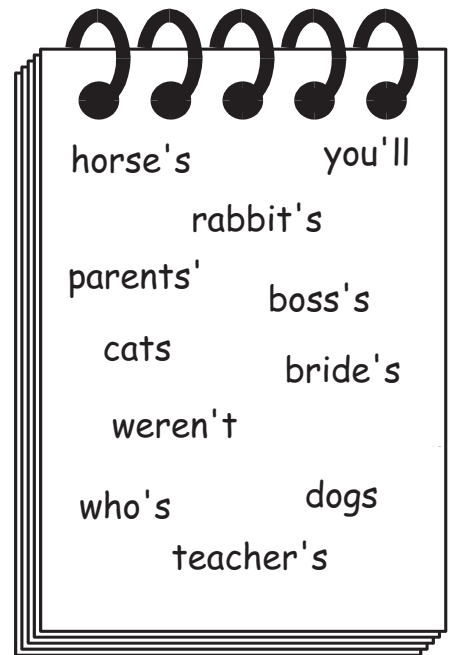
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Which word goes where?

Read the words on the notepad. Use them to complete the sentences.

1. I sat in the _____ saddle.
2. The _____ name is Patch.
3. The page boy carried the _____ train.
4. The children _____ sure whether to wait.
5. My _____ car is black with grey seats.
6. _____ be late if you don't leave now.
7. Mr Jones took a message on his _____ phone.
8. The _____ and _____ fight.
9. _____ going to help me carry the _____ books?



Now write sentences for these words:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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