

Missing Apostrophe

Singular Possessive Nouns

Oh dear! Patricia Punctuation has written some sentences but she has forgotten to add an apostrophe to show possession by these singular nouns. Copy out the sentence on the line provided and include the missing apostrophe.

1. Kims mum bought some sausages from the shop.

2. The butterflys wings flapped as it flew from flower to flower.

3. The dogs tail wagged excitedly as he walked.

4. The dancers costume was very colourful and bright.

5. The witchs new broomstick was made from solid oak.

6. The clowns gloves were large and spotty.

7. At the party, the birthday girls presents were placed on the table.

8. The reindeers bells gently rang as he walked through the snow.

Plural Nouns Challenge

Apostrophes with Plural Nouns

Look at each list of nouns below. Circle the correct **plural possessive noun** in each list.

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|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. teachers | teacher's | teachers' | teachers's |
| 2. dragon's | dragons's | dragons | dragons' |
| 3. pilots' | pilots's | pilots | pilot's |
| 4. painters's | painters' | painter's | painters |
| 5. elf's | elves' | elves | elves's |
| 6. cars | cars's | cars' | car's |
| 7. chickens's | chicken's | chickens | chickens' |
| 8. pizzas | pizza's | pizzas' | pizzas's |
| 9. trees | trees' | tree's | trees's |
| 10. clocks' | clocks's | clock's | clocks |

Now, using some of the examples given above, write two sentences which include a plural possessive noun.

1. _____

2. _____



Singular or Plural?

Look at the table below. Each box contains an apostrophe to show possession. You must decide if the possession in each case is by a singular or plural noun. Colour in each box according to the key.

Key

Singular Possessive Apostrophe: blue

Plural Possessive Apostrophe: green

The Queen's tarts	monsters' fur	dog's paws	wolves' howls
fairies' wings	pigs' trotters	sun's rays	passengers' suitcases
castle's turrets	babies' milk bottles	flowers' petals	witch's broomsticks
trees' leaves	the kings' jewels	girl's slippers	teacher's notebook
children's work	horse's hooves	footballers' shoes	cat's claws
clock's hands	lion's mane	pizzas' toppings	elephants' tusks

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