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L.I. Can I use a possessive apostrophe in my writing?



An apostrophe can be used to show that one thing **belongs** to or is **connected** to something. This is called a **possessive apostrophe**.

Let's take a look at some examples.

The **cat's** tail was fluffy.

Cat is a singular noun (there is only one of them) so you need to add an apostrophe and "s" to show that the tail belongs to the cat.

Charles' cat was naughty.

Charles is a singular noun that ends in an "s", so you need to add an apostrophe to show that the cat belongs to Charles.

The **brothers'** feet were muddy.

Brothers is a plural noun (more than 1) that ends in an "s" so you don't add another "s" after your apostrophe. You can just add an apostrophe to show the feet belongs to the brothers.

The **children's** toys were broken

Children is a plural noun (more than 1) but it doesn't end with an "s" so you need to add an apostrophe and "s" to show that the toys belong to the children.

Task one - add in the possessive apostrophe to these sentences.

1. The childrens party was cancelled.
2. The sisters feet were muddy.
3. Charles dog was noisy.
4. The birds feathers were ruffled.
5. Henry VIIIs reign was very eventful.
6. Elizabeths reign was powerful.
7. The Tudor monarchs throne was made of gold.
8. Lady Jane Greys reign was only 9 days long.

Task 2

1. Write each word with a plural apostrophe for the definitions below.

- a) Something/someone belonging to a group of children: _____
- b) Something/someone belonging to a group of wolves: _____
- c) Something/someone belonging to a group of ponies: _____
- d) Something/someone belonging to a group of boys: _____
- e) Something/someone belonging to a group of houses: _____

Task 3

2. Write sentences to include the following possessive apostrophes with plurals.

- a) thieves' _____

- b) countries' _____

- c) churches' _____

- d) bushes' _____

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