

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Recognising Apostrophes

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:

Developing Questions to support using apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the singular noun does not end in –s.

Expected Questions to support using apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the singular noun can end in -s.

Greater Depth Questions to support using apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from both words and apostrophes for possession where more than one singular noun is used (Max and Ruby's ball).

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Recognising Apostrophes

1a. Circle the word that uses an apostrophe to show possession.

she's

Tom's

I'm



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1b. Circle the word that uses an apostrophe to show possession.

Chloe's

he's

didn't



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2a. Identify the two words that have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below.

Beth hasn't got any brothers or sisters.

have

is

has

not



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2b. Identify the two words that have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below.

Let's go to the park.

let

late

is

us



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3a. Contract the two underlined words to one word and add an apostrophe.

It did not rain yesterday.



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3b. Contract the two underlined words to one word and add an apostrophe.

We are going to go to town tomorrow.



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4a. Which sentence correctly uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. The boy's were playing out.

B. I picked up the boy's coat.



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4b. Which sentence correctly uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. My friend's house is next to mine.

B. My friend's are all very kind.



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5a. Circle the word that uses an apostrophe to show possession

he's

it's

James's



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5b. Circle the word that uses an apostrophe to show possession.

her's

Lucas's

there's



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6a. Identify the two words that have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below.

He'd have liked to play out after school.

did

she

would

they

he

do



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6b. Identify the two words that have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below.

It's been a sunny day today.

was

has

is

it

I

she



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7a. Contract the underlined words and add the apostrophes.

He will take his little brother to the park but they can not cross the road by themselves.



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7b. Contract the underlined words and add the apostrophes.

She has got a younger brother but he is only a baby.



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8a. Which sentence correctly uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. An octopus's body is boneless.

B. It's an invertebrate.

C. It eats crab's and mollusc's.



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8b. Which sentence correctly uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. The cat's feeling hungry.

B. The cat's tail is long and thin.

C. I have two cat's and a dog.



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9a. Which sentence uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. Ben and Tom's dog is a Labrador.

B. Ben's and Tom's dog is a Labrador.



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9b. Which sentence uses an apostrophe to show possession?

A. Max and Elli'ss mum picked them up.

B. Max and Ellis's mum picked them up.



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10a. Which two words have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below?

When Mum set off to go to town she said, "I shan't be long."



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10b. Which two words have been combined to make the contraction in the sentence below?

Dad said, "What'll we have for tea tomorrow?"



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11a. Rewrite this sentence using contractions where possible.

I would like a new bike for my birthday as I have been riding my old one until now even though it is too small for me.



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11b. Rewrite this sentence using contractions where possible.

She will have to finish her homework before she goes to bed, although it is likely to take her a couple of hours.



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12a. Which sentence is correctly punctuated?

A. Max, Ben and Tom's favourite game is football.

B. Josh's and Sam's bedroom is'nt very tidy.

C. George and Amy's dad wo'nt let them play out.



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12b. Which sentence is correctly punctuated?

A. James and Charle's don't like swimming.

B. Jacob sha'nt be coming to Ellie's party.

C. I don't think Dan and Liam's mum will let them come to my house.



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Developing

- 1a. Tom's
- 2a. has not
- 3a. didn't
- 4a. B

Expected

- 5a. James's
- 6a. he would
- 7a. he'll, can't
- 8a. A

Greater Depth

- 9a. A
- 10a. shall not
- 11a. I'd like a new bike for my birthday as I've been riding my old one until now even though it's too small for me.
- 12a. A

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Developing

- 1b. Chloe's
- 2b. let us
- 3b. we're
- 4b. A

Expected

- 5b. Lucas's
- 6b. it has
- 7b. she's, he's
- 8b. B

Greater Depth

- 9b. B
- 10b. what will
- 11b. She'll have to finish her homework before she goes to bed, although it's likely to take her a couple of hours.
- she'll, it's
- 12b. C