

LO: apostrophes for omission and possession

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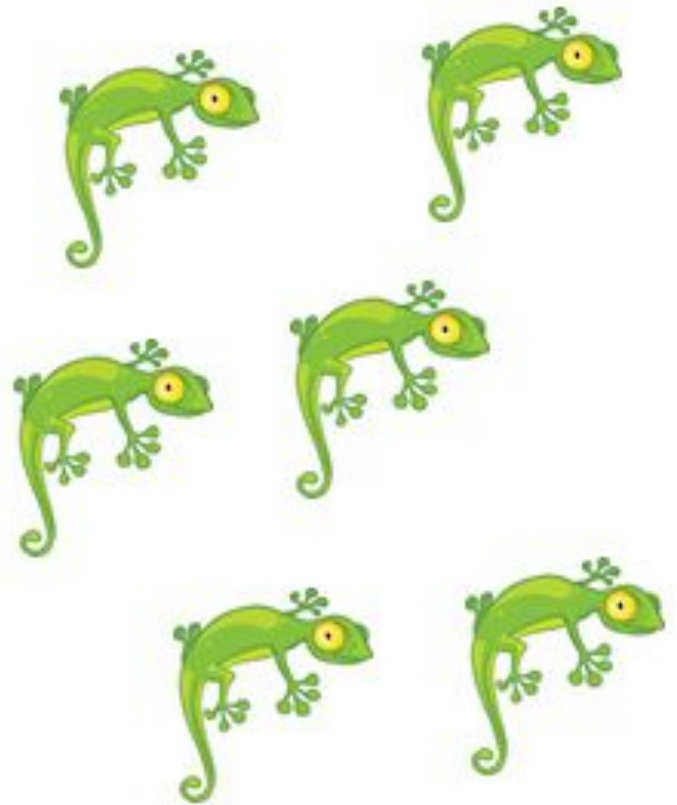


Apostrophes...

The lizard's legs



The lizards' legs



Apostrophes...

The pirate's ship



The pirates' ship



Apostrophes...

The wolf's den



The wolves' den



When things belong to more than one person;

When more than one person is involved, the apostrophe comes after the 's'.

The boys' cloakroom – more than one boy.

The players' changing room – more than one player.

The teachers' staffroom – more than one teacher.

Where should the apostrophe go?

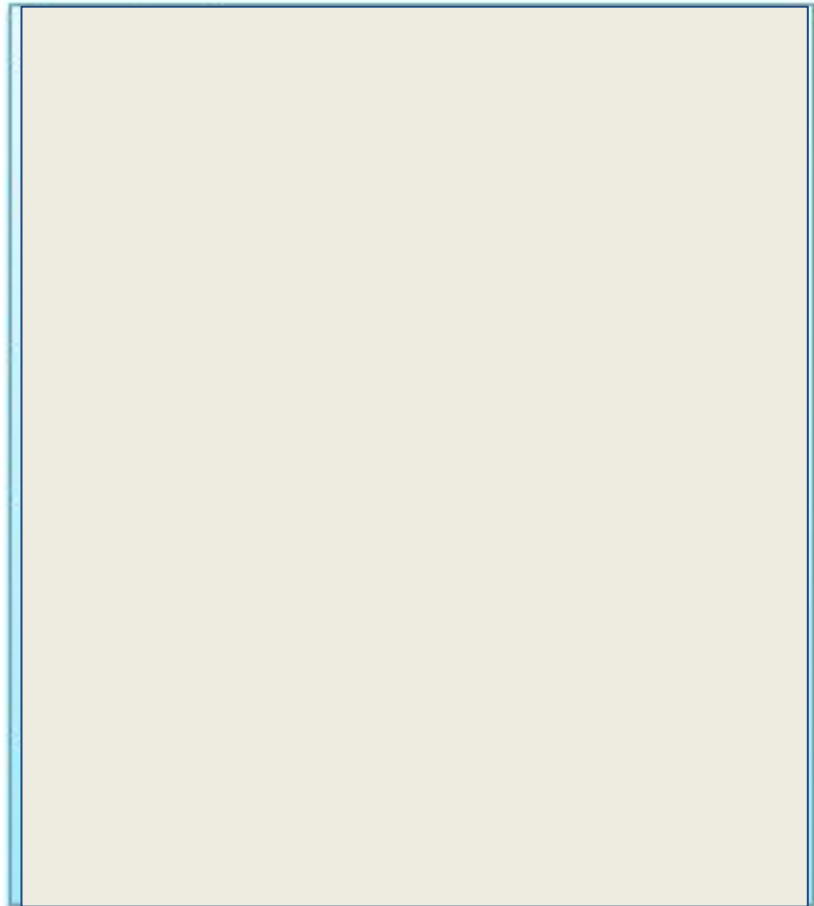
Janes shoes

Nicks new car

The cats whiskers (one cat)

The horses stables (6 horses)

The raiders boat (lots of
raiders)



Some common errors involving apostrophes;

I see these sort of errors all the time. Can you spot them?

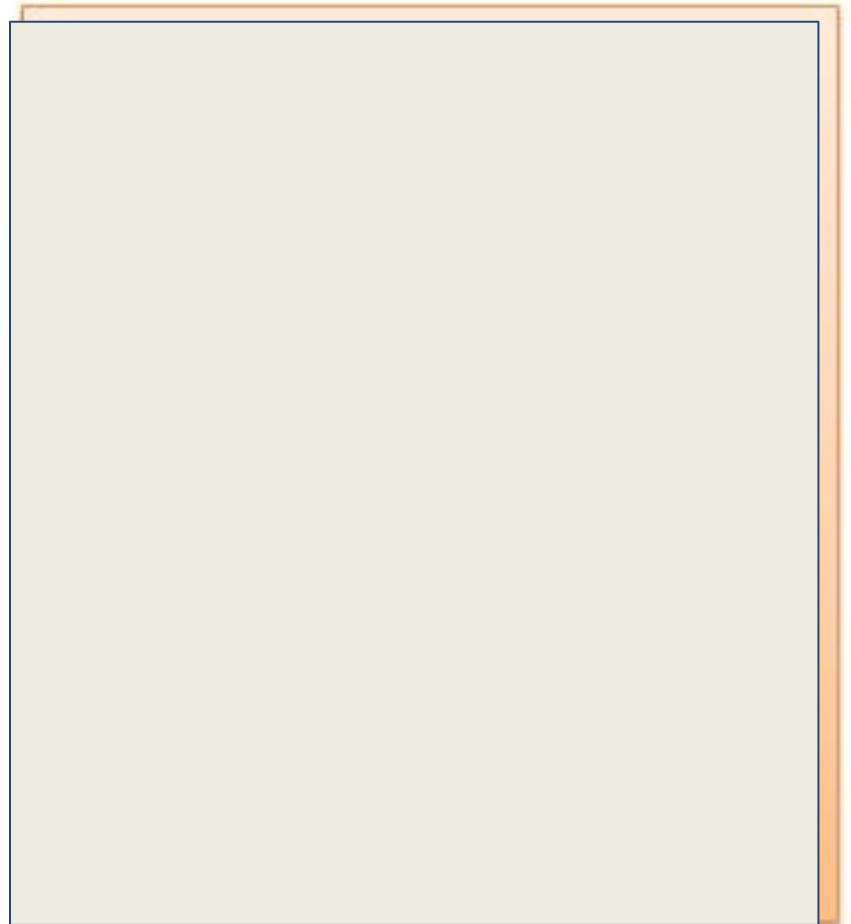
Fish and chip's

The car's were on the road.

Half price clothe's

I saw a dog with it's bone.

Lucys book's were on the table.



Task One: Copy out the sentence and write out the contracted form of the underlined words.

Scrooge could not believe his eyes; the ghost was Jacob Marley!

Ebenezer was not a charitable man.

Jacob Marley had not been a kind or generous man; his chain was long and ponderous.

Scrooge should not have chased away the carol singer.

"Are not you coming to join us for Christmas?" asked Fred..

"Have not you heard? It's Fezziwig's Christmas ball!"

Belle does not love Ebenezer because of his greed.



Is your apostrophe in the correct place?

Task Two: Copy out the following sentences. Put apostrophes in the correct places. Write **C** next to the sentence if the apostrophe is for contraction/omission and **P** if it is for possession.

At the sight of an old gentleman in a wig, sitting behind such a high desk, that if he'd been two inches taller he must have knocked his head against the ceiling, Scrooge cried in great excitement:

'Why. it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart; it's Fezziwig alive again!'

Scrooge's former self, now grown a young man, came briskly in, accompanied by his fellow apprentice, Dick.

In came the cook, with her brother's friend, the milkman.

Scrooge's former self turned down the lamps and Scrooge and the Ghost again stood side by side in the open air.

It isn't that, spirit.

May you be happy in the life, you've chosen!'

I don't wish to see it.



Is your apostrophe in the correct place?

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Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the box.

That decision does not seem fair.



1 mark

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Which sentence uses an **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The children's clothes were hanging up.

The childrens' clothes were hanging up.

The childrens clothe's were hanging up.

The childrens clothes' were hanging up.

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