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Step 2: Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

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:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Underline the words that use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular plural nouns only.

Expected Underline the words that use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular and irregular plural nouns.

Greater Depth Underline the words that use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular and irregular plural nouns and collective nouns.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Tick the sentence(s) that correctly use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular plural nouns only.

Expected Tick the sentence(s) that correctly use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular and irregular plural nouns.

Greater Depth Tick the sentence(s) that correctly use an apostrophe for plural possession. Using regular and irregular plural nouns and collective nouns.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a statement about the use of an apostrophe for plural possession is correct or not. Using regular plural nouns only.

Expected Explain whether a statement about the use of an apostrophe for plural possession is correct or not. Using regular and irregular plural nouns.

Greater Depth Explain whether a statement about the use of an apostrophe for plural possession is correct or not. Using regular and irregular plural nouns and collective nouns.

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1. Underline the words in the sentences below that show the use of an apostrophe for plural possession.

We can't go anywhere on our bicycles today because the tyres' punctures haven't been fixed yet. Our friends' bikes are ok, so they can cycle to school and back.



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2. Tick the sentence(s) that use(s) an apostrophe for plural possession correctly.

A. At the park, the dogs' leads became tangled as they ran around.

B. Many islands' beauty is unseen by tourists who visit the mainland.

C. The drink's taste is different, but also delicious.



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3. Kang says,



The apostrophe in the sentence below should be before the 's' on 'cats'.

Our cats tails are all different lengths depending on the size of the animal.

Is Kang correct? Explain your answer.



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4. Underline the words in the sentences below that show the use of an apostrophe for plural possession.

Yesterday, the girls' amazing cricketing skills meant that they comfortably won their match. Their opponents' batting was very poor and the advice from their coaches didn't seem to help them a great deal.



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5. Tick the sentence(s) that use(s) an apostrophe for plural possession correctly.

A. The hors'es hay is kept dry for them to eat during the winter.

B. At school, our class's attendance record is fantastic!

C. In the swimming pool, the children's shrieks of glee are very loud.



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6. Jamila says,



The apostrophe in the sentence below should be after the 's' in 'peoples'.

The peoples reaction to the TV programme was truly shocking.

Is Jamila correct? Explain your answer.



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7. Underline the words in the sentences below that show the use of an apostrophe for plural possession.

I was amazed when the litter's kittens started to open their eyes and cry for their mother's milk. Their cries made a surprisingly loud noise, considering how tiny they were and their mouths' sucking action was incredibly strong.



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8. Tick the sentence(s) that use(s) an apostrophe for plural possession correctly.

A. The crew's sailors couldn't wait to see dry land again.

B. The childrens' excitement at the talent contest was uncontrollable.

C. The flotilla's boats sailed into the harbour.



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9. Ismail says,



The apostrophe in the sentence below should be after the 's' in 'singers'.

Our choirs singers sang tunefully in the concert and everyone congratulated us on the wonderful sound we made.

Is Ismail correct? Explain your answer.



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Developing

1. Tyres' and friends' should be underlined.
2. A & B
3. No, the apostrophe should be after the 's' in 'cats' to show plural possession.

Expected

4. Girls' and opponents' should be underlined.
5. B & C
6. No, the apostrophe should be before the 's' in 'peoples' to show plural possession because 'people' is an irregular plural noun.

Greater Depth

7. Litter's and mouths' should be underlined.
8. A & C
9. No, the apostrophe should be between the 'r' and the 's' in 'choirs' to show plural possession.