

## Homework/Extension

### Step 3: When Should you NOT use an Apostrophe?

#### 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** Identify correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes in two sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the pronoun ends in -s only.

**Expected** Identify correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes in three sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from one word and apostrophes for possession where the pronoun does or does not end in -s. Possessive pronouns include 'his', 'theirs' and 'mine'.

**Greater Depth** Identify correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes in three sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from multiple words and apostrophes for possession where two pronouns are used. Possessive pronouns include 'yours'.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Select words from a word bank to complete two sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one letter is omitted from one word. Possessive pronoun used is 'hers'.

**Expected** Select words from a word bank to complete two sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for possession where the pronoun does or does not end in -s. Possessive pronouns include 'ours' and 'his'.

**Greater Depth** Select words from a word bank to complete three sentences. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from multiple words and apostrophes for possession where two pronouns are used. Possessive pronouns include 'yours'.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain who is correct and why, using knowledge of correct use of apostrophes. Includes use of apostrophes for possession where the pronoun ends in -s only.

**Expected** Explain who is correct and why, using knowledge of correct use of apostrophes. Includes use of apostrophes for possession where the pronoun does or does not end in -s.

**Greater Depth** Explain who is correct and why, using knowledge of correct use of apostrophes. Includes use of apostrophes for contractions where one or more letters are omitted from multiple words and apostrophes for possession where two pronouns are used. Possessive pronouns include 'yours'.

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# When Should you NOT use an Apostrophe?

1. Complete the table to show how many correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes each sentence has.

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. My mums friend says that it alway's feels cold outside at this time of the year.			
B. He's going to meet me in the library at quarter past three tomorrow if its raining.			



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2. Choose words from the word bank below that complete the sentences correctly.

A. My mum and dad have bought the same car but \_\_\_\_\_ is silver whilst his is black and has stronger \_\_\_\_\_.

B. " \_\_\_\_\_ forget to put some more \_\_\_\_\_ in the party \_\_\_\_\_."

tyres'	her's	bags	hers	Dont
surprise's	Don't	surprises	tyres	bag's



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3. Cliff and Jackie are discussing which word in the sentence below doesn't need an apostrophe.

You will have fifteen minute's in Mr Jones' lesson to write your sentences down.



Cliff

'Jones'' does not need an apostrophe.

The word 'minute's' does not need an apostrophe.



Jackie

Who is correct? Explain how you know.



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4. Complete the table to show how many correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes each sentence has.

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. My auntie's flat in the town centre won't be their's until after the Christmas holiday's.			
B. His knowledge of flag's and countries' is so much better than mine!			
C. Charlie's friend find's himself out of breath after hes run around the school field.			



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5. Choose words from the word bank below that complete the sentences correctly.

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ pipes were dry whilst \_\_\_\_\_ were completely wet after a heavy night of rainfall.

B. Terry's \_\_\_\_\_ are growing well in \_\_\_\_\_ allotment.

plant's	neighbours	our's	ours	your'e
his	plants	you're	neighbour's	his'



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6. Adele and Jamie are discussing which word in the sentence below doesn't need an apostrophe.

The dinner ladies's quickly learnt that jacket potatoes were Nicholas's favourite food.



Adele

The word 'ladies' does not need an apostrophe.

'Nicholas's' does not need an apostrophe.



Jamie

Who is correct? Explain how you know.



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7. Complete the table to show how many correct, incorrect and missing apostrophes each sentence has.

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. They've been increasing their price's as it gets closer to Christmas and nobodys' noticed.			
B. You're homemade soup always taste's so much better than mine. Your's is the best!			
C. "The women mustnt've known that these two local business's were Tristan and Susan's."			



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8. Choose words from the word bank below that complete the sentences correctly.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ and Marigold's home only looks tidy at the minute as you've special \_\_\_\_\_ visiting tomorrow night.

B. " \_\_\_\_\_ thought that your chest would've been better by now after finishing two \_\_\_\_\_ of that cough medicine."

C. \_\_\_\_\_ future is very bright, Rosy! You can continue to learn or decide to do something that's completely different - the choice is \_\_\_\_\_.

bottles	wed've	you're	bottle's	guests	your
yours	guests'	your's	we'd've	Bob	Bob's



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9. Barney and Olivia are discussing which word in the sentence below doesn't need an apostrophe.

"If I'd known that those large, green suitcases were your's, I'd've asked my brothers to lift them off the conveyor belt and put them onto your and Maeva's trolley."



Barney

The word 'your's' does not need an apostrophe.

'I'd've' does not need two apostrophes.



Olivia

Who is correct? Explain how you know.



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### Developing

1. The completed table should look like this:

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. My mums friend says that it always feels cold outside at this time of the year.	0	1	1
B. He's going to meet me in the library at quarter past three tomorrow if its raining.	1	0	1

2. A = hers, tyres; B = Don't, surprises, bags

3. Jackie is correct because 'minutes' is used as a plural noun so it does not need an apostrophe, whereas the lesson belongs to Mr Jones so 'Jones' does need an apostrophe to show possession.

### Expected

4. The completed table should look like this:

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. My auntie's flat in the town centre won't be their's until after the Christmas holiday's.	2	2	0
B. His knowledge of flag's and countries' is so much better than mine!	0	2	0
C. Charlie's friend find's himself out of breath after hes run around the school field.	1	1	1

5. A = neighbour's, ours; B = plants, his

6. Adele is correct because nothing belongs to the dinner ladies in this sentence. It is a plural noun, therefore it should be written as 'dinner ladies'. The favourite food belongs to Nicholas so this needs an apostrophe.

### Greater Depth

7. The completed table should look like this:

	Correct apostrophes	Incorrect apostrophes	Missing apostrophes
A. They've been increasing their price's as it gets closer to Christmas and nobodys' noticed.	1	2	0
B. You're homemade soup always taste's so much better than mine. Your's is the best!	0	3	0
C. "The women mustnt've known that these two local business's were Tristan and Susan's."	1	1	1

8. A = Bob, guests; B = We'd've, bottles; C = Your; yours

9. Barney is correct because 'yours' has been used as a plural, possessive pronoun so it does not need an apostrophe. Olivia is incorrect, because the contraction 'I'd've' in full means 'I would have' so it needs two apostrophes.