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Apostrophes for possession

Task 1

Look at [this](#) video on the BBC Bitesize website.



Singular nouns

A **singular noun** is a noun referring to just one person or thing.

For example: Cat

When you want to show that something belongs to that person or thing, you add a **possessive apostrophe** and an **s**.

For example: The cat's tail was fluffy.

's' shows that the tail belongs to the cat.

Top tip! If a singular noun already ends in **s**, you don't need to add another **s**. You can just add an **apostrophe** at the end. For example: Charles' cat was naughty.

Plural nouns ending in s

Plural nouns refer to more than one person or thing.

For example: Brothers

To show possession when the noun is plural and already ends in s, you just add an apostrophe to the end of the word. You don't need to add an extra s.

For example:

The brothers's feet were muddy.

The girls' bathroom was a mess.

TASK 2

Go back to [this](#) website and have a look at this video.



Read the story summary below, then re-write it using apostrophes for possession to make it easier to understand and flow better.

For example:

The sail that belonged to the boat rippled softly in the breeze.

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The boat's sail rippled softly in the breeze.

You need to change eight sentences.

Top tip!

Watch out for plural nouns and remember the rule for them is slightly different: you just add an apostrophe - no extra s.

Near the edge belonging to a cliff, on a peaceful and isolated patch of land, there was an inn. The inn was run by a young boy called Jim Hawkins. The mother that belonged to Jim was exhausted and his father had died.

One day, a strange thing happened. An old sailor pushing a huge chest appeared at the inn. The pony tail that belonged to the man was hung low on his back and he wore an earring in his left ear. He told Jim to call him 'Captain'. The chest that belonged to the Captain was very heavy so Jim helped him carry it to his room.

After a few weeks, a strange man called Black Dog appeared and got into a fight with the captain. The missing fingers that belonged to Black Dog made him very memorable. The next day, a blind man visited and soon after, the captain mysteriously died.

Jim and his mother looked inside the chest that belonged to the captain and found clothes, gold and some parchment.

Suddenly, a boat that belonged to some pirates pulled up by the inn. They ran up the path and the shouts that belonged to the pirates could be heard inside the inn. What would Jim do now?