

What are apostrophes for possession?

The apostrophe for possession is used to show that something belongs to a thing, person, object or place. We add 's (apostrophe and the letter s) at the end of the word to show possession. Children often muddle this when making a word into a plural by adding the suffix -s or -es. For example: This pencil belongs to Sarah. It is Sarah's pencil.

Examples

- × The pencil belongs to Jenny. It is Jenny's pencil.
- × The book belongs to Linda. It is Linda's pencil.
- × The cage belongs to the tiger. It is the tiger's cage.
- × The phone belongs to Michael. It is Michael's phone.
- I ate a piece of the cake that belongs to Jordan. I ate a slice of Jordan's cake.
- × I wash the car that belongs to Sam. I washed Sam's car.

