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Using Apostrophes to Show Possession

Apostrophes can be used to show possession (that something belongs to someone).
The rule for adding apostrophes depends on the noun or person to which it is being added.

If the noun is singular and does not end in 's' then add an apostrophe and an 's'.

For example – the girl's cat

If the noun is singular and ends in an 's' you add an apostrophe and an 's'.

For example – the boss's car

If the noun is plural and ends in 's' you add an apostrophe but do not add an 's'.

For example – the workers' tools

If the noun is plural and doesn't end in an 's' then you add an apostrophe and an 's'.

For example – the men's hats

Task 1

Match each sentence with its meaning. The first one has been done for you.

the men's coats

the nests belonging to the wasps

the boy's shoe

the parents belonging to the princess

the wasps' nests

the toys belonging to the babies

the princess's parents

the shoe belonging to the boy

the farmers' sheep

the sheep belonging to the farmers

the babies' toys

the coats belonging to the men



Task 2

Re-write these sentences using *apostrophes*.

1. The womens coats are here. _____
2. We played with Sams dog. _____
3. Over there is the Pets Corner. _____
4. The ponys tail is brown. _____
5. Here is the bosss car. _____
6. I enjoy childrens books. _____
7. The flies wings were broken. _____

Task 3

Now find four place names which have apostrophes in them. For example – St Paul's Cathedral. Write them on the lines below.
