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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.

### Task 1

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| the lady's hat     | the wing belonging to the bird    |
| the mouse's tail   | the hat belonging to the lady     |
| the bird's wing    | the tail belonging to the mouse   |
| the baby's pram    | the brush belonging to the artist |
| the artist's brush | the pram belonging to the baby    |
| the cook's hat     | the hat belonging to the cook     |



### Task 2

Write a shorter form of these using an apostrophe.

1. The tail belonging to the dog. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The pencil belonging to the child. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The mane belonging to the horse. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The cover belonging to the book. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The boots belonging to the lady. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The egg belonging to the duck. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The watch belonging to Tom. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The phone belonging to Emma. \_\_\_\_\_

### Task 3

Now find **three examples** of the **use of an apostrophe to show possession** in your reading book. Write them on the lines below.

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