

# Varied Fluency

## Step 2: Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

### 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:

**Developing** Questions to support using apostrophes for possession with regular plural nouns (ending in 's').

**Expected** Questions to support using apostrophes for possession with plural nouns which are regular or irregular (not ending in 's').

**Greater Depth** Questions to support using apostrophes for possession with irregular plurals (not ending in 's') and collective nouns, for example: the audience's refreshments.

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## Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

1a. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

The girl's PE kits had all been left on the floor.



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1b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

My shoe's laces have both broken today.



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2a. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ saddles are all very dirty and need to be cleaned.

horse's

horses'



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2b. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ nappies are all smelly and need to be changed.

babies'

babie's



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3a. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

The houses doors are many different colours.



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3b. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

The gardens flower beds look very colourful.



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4a. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'dog' and an apostrophe.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ tails are wagging excitedly.



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4b. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'computer' and an apostrophe.

The \_\_\_\_\_ screens have been turned off.



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## Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

5a. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

The boy's football kits were all filthy and needed to be washed.



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5b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

The car's horns all beeped loudly when the lorry blocked the road.



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6a. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ toilet was out of order all day.

men's

mens'



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6b. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

My \_\_\_\_\_ toys were scattered all over the floor.

childrens'

children's



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7a. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

The dogs leads became tangled as they ran around.



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7b. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

Our twin sons birthdays are next week and they are very excited.



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8a. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'woman' and an apostrophe.

The \_\_\_\_\_ hair swayed in the wind as they chatted.



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8b. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'suspect' and an apostrophe.

We recovered three \_\_\_\_\_ fingerprints on the door.



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9a. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

From far away we could only hear one football crowds' chants.



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## Using Apostrophes for Plural Possession

9b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

Both teams' scores were recorded on a card.



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10a. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ were leaping around the fields.

flock's lamb's

flocks lamb's

flock's lambs



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10b. Choose the correct use of the apostrophe to complete the sentence below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ were served at the interval.

audience's refreshment's

audience's refreshments

audiences refreshment's



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11a. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

Thick snow covered the herds fields.



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11b. Insert an apostrophe in the sentence below.

The groups entries for the competition were judged carefully.



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12a. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'goose' and an apostrophe.

The \_\_\_\_\_ wings glistened in the sun as they flew south for the winter.



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12b. Complete the sentence below using the plural of 'mouse' and an apostrophe.

The \_\_\_\_\_ tails are used for balancing when moving around.



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**Developing**

- 1a. **False, it should be girls'.**
- 2a. **horses'**
- 3a. **houses'**
- 4a. **dogs'**

**Expected**

- 5a. **False, it should be boys'.**
- 6a. **men's**
- 7a. **dogs'**
- 8a. **women's**

**Greater Depth**

- 9a. **False, it should be crowd's.**
- 10a. **flock's lambs**
- 11a. **herd's**
- 12a. **geese's**

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**Developing**

- 1b. **False, it should be shoes'.**
- 2b. **babies'**
- 3b. **gardens'**
- 4b. **computers'**

**Expected**

- 5b. **False, it should be cars'.**
- 6b. **children's**
- 7b. **sons'**
- 8b. **suspects'**

**Greater Depth**

- 9b. **True**
- 10b. **audience's refreshments**
- 11b. **groups'**
- 12b. **mice's**