

SPaG Apostrophes

Belonging:

We can use apostrophes to show something belongs to someone/ something:

e.g. **the man's car**

If something belongs to more than one person, the apostrophe goes at the end of the word:

e.g. **the girls' coats**

Re-write the sentences below, using apostrophes correctly:

Nathans exercise book

Lauras phone

The doctors surgery

The firemens engine

The pupils lesson

Think of two more of your own:

- .
- .

Contractions

Apostrophes can also be used to making contractions, or shortened words (we use this a lot in informal writing).

do not becomes **don't**

you are becomes **you're**

we will becomes _____ **you will** becomes _____

she will becomes _____ **it is** becomes _____

they are becomes _____ **we are** becomes _____

we are becomes _____ **are not** becomes _____

I am becomes _____ **will not** becomes _____

Plurals

A plural shows that there is more than one of something:

cat becomes **cats**

pupil becomes **pupils**

You do not need to use apostrophes for plurals! This will cost you marks in the exam.

Add the apostrophes only when needed (remember not to use them for plurals).

Its Georges big day. Hes been revising for weeks. He wasnt using apostrophes correctly but now hes using them for all sorts of different texts. If he carries on doing this, he wont fail to reach his target grade. The papers in the exam can be quite challenging but hes ready. Id be surprised if he forgets any of the techniques weve learned because hes studied lots. He cant forget the all-important rule: Apostrophes dont need to be used for plurals. This way, his teachers nerves are calm, knowing Georges SPaG is much more accurate.

