



Spelling and Punctuation: Mixed Apostrophe

Remember, there are TWO reasons to use apostrophes:

1. To show that part of a word is missing, such as when cannot becomes can't.
2. To show possession, such as 'Martin's Ferrari'. This tells us that Martin is lucky enough to own a Ferrari. It's just a pity it's a model one...

Put in the apostrophes if they are required. There may be more than one in each text. tyles available if needed, as seen below.

1. Sheilas hair was a mess. Not only had she failed to brush it this morning, a birds poop landed in it when she was walking to work.
2. Giving instructions was the teachers job. She didnt like it when someone else took over. But as it was the head teacher, Mrs Bentham thought shed have to put up with it.
3. Popping about fifty different lipsticks in her bag (just in case), Miriam sauntered down to her ex-boyfriends house, determined to make him see he was making a terrible mistake and that he couldnt possibly want to finish with her.
4. 'Dont sit there!' cried Ralph 'Thats the dogs chair!' With a sigh, Paul stood up again and contemplated running away, to the circus perhaps. 'I cant stand this anymore,' he thought to himself, 'My lifes not my own.'
5. During the Boer War, the generals men had been sent a bar of chocolate from Queen Victoria herself. This wasnt just a kind hearted gift, it was also the Queens attempt to boost morale.
6. Being awarded a medal for bravery meant that young Sams ego was inflated beyond what was reasonable. He didnt expect to do anything for himself anymore, he constantly told and retold the story of his daring rescue and wouldnt listen when he was politely told that he was becoming a bore. Perhaps its time for more drastic action.
7. 'Whens mum back?' asked Henry for the umpteenth time. 'I dont know, shes not said. Now eat your tea.' Henry glared at Saskia as if she was personally responsible for the absence of his mum. 'Cant eat when mums not here,' he declared and stomped off to watch Justins House in the other room.
8. Creating a birthday cake in his honour had seemed like a good plan at the time. But now Clara was doubting her baking skill. Making a scale model of an Aston Martin from sponge cake wasnt going to be easy. Claras hand shook as she piped the silver icing onto the delicate construction.
9. Jessicas new ballet shoes looked fabulous with her sparkly black tutu. It was a pity her mum wouldnt let her wear them to go to church. It would give the congregation something to talk about for the rest of the day at least. There wasnt much else going on in this village.
10. Complications with the operation meant that Emmas recovery time was longer than it should have been. It wasnt ideal, her employers patience was wearing thin. But what else could she do? If she couldnt physically work, she was stuck.



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2. Giving instructions was the **teacher's** job. She **didn't** like it when someone else took over. But as it was the head teacher, Mrs Bentham thought **she'd** have to put up with it.
3. Popping about fifty different lipsticks in her bag (just in case), Miriam sauntered down to her ex-**boyfriend's** house, determined to make him see he was making a terrible mistake and that he **couldn't** possibly want to finish with her.
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6. Being awarded a medal for bravery meant that young **Sam's** ego was inflated beyond what was reasonable. He **didn't** expect to do anything for himself anymore, he constantly told and retold the story of his daring rescue and **wouldn't** listen when he was politely told that he was becoming a bore. 'Perhaps **it's** time for more drastic action,' thought Glen.
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10. Complications with the operation meant that **Emma's** recovery time was longer than it should have been. It **wasn't** ideal, her **employer's** patience was wearing thin. But what else could she do? If she **couldn't** physically work, she was stuck.