

The Possessive Apostrophe

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- How it works** I used this recently with adult learners and it was great – clear rules, useful examples and fun to use. It didn't patronise and would work well with pupils too: kids and adults alike love the quirky bouncing apostrophes!
- The rules and accompanying model phrases and sentences are arranged in a standard format throughout, so that a memorable pattern is set up and the learning points are emphasised. Each slide works through well-chosen examples systematically and clearly.
- This is a presentation that encourages real engagement from the audience: there are plenty of opportunities for them to suggest where apostrophes are needed before animated apostrophes bounce or spin into place at the click of the mouse.
- Try this!** Ask a small group of pupils to view the presentation in advance and then use it to teach how to use possessive apostrophes to the class. The clear, predictable structure of the presentation lends itself to this approach: the pupils will require little rehearsal to present a polished 'lesson' – and they will be very proud of being teacher for the day!
- Or this!** Using the ICT suite, ask pupils to prepare a similar presentation to teach people of their own age or older how to use apostrophes of omission. Remind them to write clear rules, use strong examples, keep to a standard format and use humour if possible for the most effective outcome.
- Or this!** Use the presentation either before the Apostrophe Wars worksheet as a revision activity, or as a remedial teaching resource if necessary after the worksheet.

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The possessive apostrophe



The guitar of Abid = Abid's guitar

Rule

Find the owner



Abid

Add the apostrophe



Abid'

**Add *s* if there
isn't one**



Abid's guitar



the car of my parents = my parents' car

Rule

Find the owner



my parents

Add the apostrophe



my parents'

Add *s* if there isn't one (there is!)



my parents' car



the boats of the fishermen = the fishermen's boats

Rule

Find the owner



the fishermen

Add the apostrophe



the fishermen'

Add *s* if there
isn't one



the fishermen's boats



Each phrase/sentence needs one possessive apostrophe: write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe

Marks' scarf



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

Jim's jumper

Rovers' dog lead



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

My dad's trousers..

That school's hockey team ..



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

The boys' coats were filthy.

**The singers' songs
were a hit for them.**



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

Mrs Stevens' car is blue.

Mr Jones' hat looks funny.



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

The sheep's coat was filthy.

The men's suits were grey.



Write down the noun with its correct possessive apostrophe:

The women's trip was spoilt.

A deer's horns grow quickly

