

Apostrophes

An apostrophe is used to show possession, that something belongs to someone or something.

This is **Sarah's** cat.
The cat belongs to Sarah.

We use an apostrophe of possession to show ownership.



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This is a food bowl.

The bowl belongs to the cat.

The **cat's** bowl is empty.

The word 'cat' is a common noun. We use an apostrophe followed by the letter s to show that the cat owns the bowl.



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Apostrophes of possession can be used with common nouns (ordinary every day objects) as well as proper nouns (names of people and places).



This car belongs to Mrs Carson.

Mrs **Carson's** new car is green.

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Where does the apostrophe belong in this sentence?



Have you been to Sydneys
Fireworks display?

The apostrophe belongs with the noun
(person, place or thing) that possesses
the item.

Ask yourself:

‘Who or what is doing the possessing?’

Then add the apostrophe to the noun.



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Have you been to Sydney's Fireworks display?

Put the apostrophe here because the fireworks display belongs to the city of Sydney.



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