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## Using Apostrophes to Show Possession

**Apostrophes can be used to show possession** (that something belongs to someone).

The rule for adding apostrophes depends on the noun or person to which it is being added. If **the noun is singular and does not end in 's'** then add an apostrophe and an 's'. For example

– the girl's cat

If **the noun is singular and ends in an 's'** you add an apostrophe and an 's'. For example

– the boss's car.

### Task 1

Match each sentence with its meaning. The first one has been done for you.

the lady's hat

the wing belonging to the bird

the mouse's tail

the hat belonging to the lady

the bird's wing

the tail belonging to the mouse

the baby's pram

the brush belonging to the artist

the artist's brush

the pram belonging to the baby

the cook's hat

the hat belonging to the cook



### Task 2

Write a shorter form of these using an apostrophe.

1. The tail belonging to the dog.

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2. The pencil belonging to the child.

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3. The mane belonging to the horse.

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4. The cover belonging to the book.

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5. The boots belonging to the lady.

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6. The egg belonging to the duck.

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7. The watch belonging to Tom.

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8. The phone belonging to Emma.

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### Task 3

Now find **three examples** of the **use of an apostrophe to show possession** in your reading book. Write them on the lines below.

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