

Apostrophes - Contractions

Underline the apostrophes which indicate **contraction**.

Neville's parcel isn't what he expected. It's a Remembrall from his grandmother.

Harry's owl didn't bring him post usually, so he wasn't expecting anything.

Ron wouldn't like to be Hermione's partner as they'd end up arguing.

Malfoy's cruelty couldn't be ignored by Harry. He wouldn't say such things.

Replace the contractions with the **expanded forms** of the words.

We'll meet you in the trophy room that's always locked.

Can't a person eat in peace in this place?

You mustn't go wandering round the school at night. Think of the points you'll lose Gryffindor if you're caught.

Apostrophes – Possession (singular)

Underline the apostrophes which indicate **possession**.

At eight o'clock the arrival of the owls interrupted Hermione's lecture.

Harry hadn't had a single letter since Hagrid's note.

Malfoy's owl was always bringing him packages from his parents.

Neville's gift glowed red which meant he'd forgotten something.

Punctuate the sentences below to show **possession**.

Hint: One sentence does not need any apostrophes.

Professor Snapes lessons were always difficult and Harrys temper was tested.

Herbology was taught in the schools greenhouses.

Professor Binns lessons were very boring.

Professor Flitwick taught Charms on a pile of his books.

Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe - contracted form	Apostrophe - possession
Be quiet in Snape's lessons.		
Neville's in trouble with McGonagall.		
Quidditch is the school's main sport.		
Mrs Norris has bulging eyes like Filch's.		
You'll be sorry you crossed me.		

Apostrophes – Possession (plural)

Tick the sentences which show the correct meaning.

<i>The boy's cauldron melted into a twisted blob.</i>	Two boys, who were sharing a cauldron, melted it.
<i>The boys' cauldron melted into a twisted blob.</i>	
<i>The girl's toilets were haunted.</i>	The toilets, which are used by all of the girls, have a ghost living there
<i>The girls' toilets were haunted.</i>	
<i>The twin's plan was cunning.</i>	Fred had a cunning plan which he had not shared with George.
<i>The twins' plan was cunning.</i>	
<i>The bat's cave was dark.</i>	A solitary bat sleeps in a tiny cave for one.
<i>The bats' cave was dark.</i>	

Punctuate the sentences below to show **possession**.

The girls dormitory was covered in slime and toads.

The owls hoots rung through the hall as they swooped in.

Rons brothers always knew how to get him cross.

Nobody could find the cause of the broomsticks failure to fly.

The childrens one chance of surviving was to stick together.