

ANSWERS 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 Snape's lessons were always difficult and Harry's temper was tested.

Herbology was taught in the school's greenhouses.

Professor Binn's 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.	✓	

ANSWERS 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.

Ron's brothers always knew how to get him cross.

Nobody could find the cause of the broomstick's failure to fly.

The children's one chance of surviving was to stick together.