

Showing Possession



Apostrophes can be used to show that something belongs to someone or something. This is called **possession**.

When we are talking about one thing we call this **singular**.

For example, a man or a bike.



When we need to say that something belongs to something singular, we put **an apostrophe and then an 's' at the end** of the name that it belongs to.

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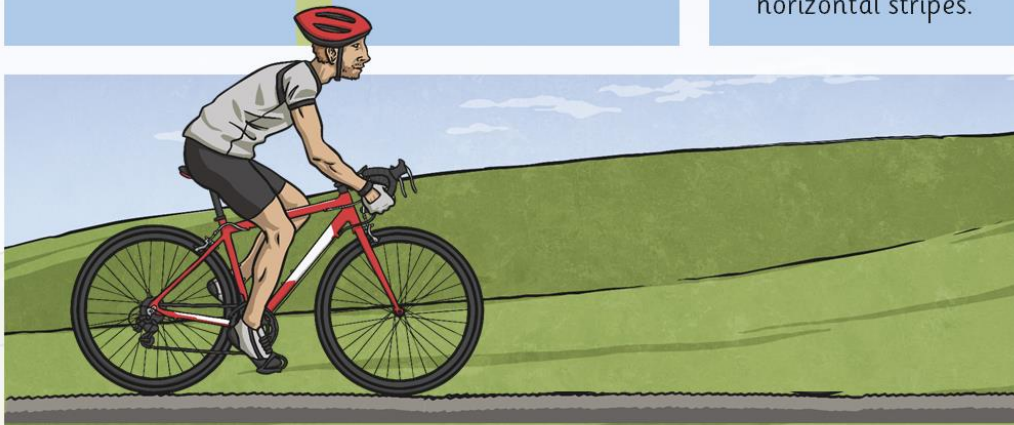
Look at the examples below:

Common Noun:
The **man's** bike.

or

Common Noun:
The **bike's** handlebars
were bent in the crash.

Proper Noun:
India's national
flag has three
horizontal stripes.



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When we are talking about **more than one thing** we call this **plural**.



For example, a pack of **wolves** or a group of **countries**.

If the noun is plural and ends in **-s**, add only an apostrophe.

For example, the **wolves'** prey was a deer.

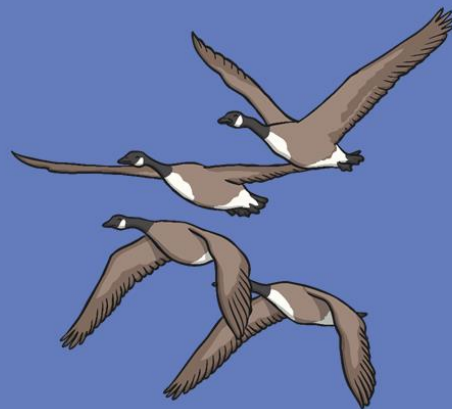
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If the noun is plural and does not end in **-s**, add **-'s**.

The **children's** play is on Friday evening.

The **geese's** flight in formation was amazing.



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However, plural nouns can be spelt using a variety of different letter endings.

If the noun ends with an 's', we still show an apostrophe of possession but without adding another 's' after it.



The **ponies'** diet is mostly grass.



The **boys'** fancy dress costumes were so good!

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