

# Possessive apostrophes

## Remember

Adding **'s** shows that something belongs to someone.

Jill**'s** trainers – the trainers belong to Jill  
the man**'s** boots – the boots belong to the man



## Try it

1 Rewrite the phrase in **bold** using an apostrophe to show who possesses each thing.

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| a) A <b>camel has a</b> hump. <u>camel's</u> | e) The <b>boy has</b> freckles. _____ |
| b) <b>Dad has a</b> hammer. _____            | f) <b>Sam has</b> good news. _____    |
| c) The <b>lady has a</b> hat. _____          | g) The <b>shop has a</b> sign. _____  |
| d) The <b>dog has a</b> kennel. _____        | h) <b>Amir has a</b> watch. _____     |

Top tip

Never use **'s** to make a plural.

2 Check the use of apostrophes in these sentences. **Underline the words that are wrong. Write them correctly.**

- a) The books cover is torn and so are the page's. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) This is Lees house but hes lost his key's. \_\_\_\_\_
- c) The flats window's were left wide open. \_\_\_\_\_

## Read–cover–write

Read this sentence and remember it. Then cover it and write it underneath.

The boy's homework was left in his mother's car.

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Check your spellings with the answers on page 46. Test yourself, or get a friend to test you.

I can spell all the words on this page.  I can use 's to show possession.