

Possessive Apostrophes

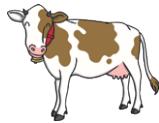
Part A

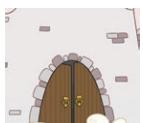
An apostrophe is the same shape as a comma (,) but placed above the line (').

Apostrophes can be used to show that one thing belongs to another. When we are talking about one thing, we call this singular (e.g. one hen). When we need to say that something belongs to something singular, we put an apostrophe (') and then the letter 's' at the end of the name it belongs to.

Example: the hen's golden egg

1. Can you use a possessive apostrophe to show that something belongs to someone or something in each of the following examples?
The first one has been done for you.

mother 	that belongs to	Jack 	Jack's mother
the cow 	that belongs to	Jack 	
the cottage 	that belongs to	Jack 	
the milk 	that belongs to	Daisy 	
the yellow cloak 	that belongs to	the man 	

the bed 	that belongs to	Jack 	
the beanstalk 	that belongs to	Jack 	
the castle 	that belongs to	the giant 	
the beard 	that belongs to	the giant 	
the harp 	that belongs to	the giant 	
the axe 	that belongs to	mother 	

2. Can you draw and write your own example?

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Part B

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Example: the hen's golden egg

Can you use apostrophes in your own sentences about the things below? The first one has been done for you.

the beans belonging to the man

The man's beans looked like they might be as magical as the man said.

Jack skipped home with the man's beans.

1. the journey to market made by Jack

2. the leaves belonging to the beanstalk

3. the limbs belonging to Jack

4. the bowl of water belonging to the cat

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5. the heart belonging to Jack

6. the face belonging to the giant

7. the table belonging to the giant

8. the song belonging to the harp

9. the strides belonging to the giant

Challenge Task

Can you write your own sentence which contains one, or maybe even two, apostrophes to show possession?

Possessive Apostrophes Answers

Part A

1. Can you use a possessive apostrophe to show that something belongs to someone or something in each of the following examples?
The first one has been done for you.

mother	that belongs to	Jack	Jack's mother
the cow	that belongs to	Jack	Jack's cow
the cottage	that belongs to	Jack	Jack's cottage
the milk	that belongs to	Daisy	Daisy's milk
the yellow cloak	that belongs to	the man	the man's yellow cloak
the bed	that belongs to	Jack	Jack's bed
the beanstalk	that belongs to	Jack	Jack's beanstalk
the castle	that belongs to	the giant	the giant's castle
the beard	that belongs to	the giant	the giant's beard
the harp	that belongs to	the giant	the giant's harp
the axe	that belongs to	mother	Mother's axe

2. Can you draw and write your own example?

<i>the moustache</i> 	that belongs to	<i>the man</i> 	<i>the man's moustache</i>
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Possessive Apostrophes Answers

Part B

Can you use apostrophes in your own sentences about the things below?

Example answers:

1. The journey to market made by Jack

Jack's journey to market was long.

2. The leaves belonging to the beanstalk

Jack stared at the beanstalk's leaves.

3. The limbs belonging to Jack

Jack's limbs grew more tired the higher he climbed.

4. The bowl of water belonging to the cat

Jack had a bath in the cat's bowl of water.

5. The heart belonging to Jack

Jack's heart raced as he hid in the cupboard.

6. The face belonging to the giant

The giant's face was covered in a big bushy beard.

7. The table belonging to the giant

The giant's table had a hen and a harp on it.

8. The song belonging to the harp

The harp's song was very calming.

9. The strides belonging to the giant.

The giant's strides were vast.

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Example answer:

Jack's adventure was over but the man's kindness was never forgotten.