

9 Apostrophe

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The punctuation mark 's or apostrophe, is used to show:

i. belonging.

Look at these sentences:

1. Jaya's necklace is very beautiful.

Jaya's necklace means the necklace belonging to Jaya.

2. The squirrel's tail is very bushy.

The squirrel's tail means the tail belonging to the squirrel.



ii. that something is related to another.

1. Aarav's orchestra = the orchestra in which Aarav plays

2. Shreya's songs = the songs sung by Shreya



Write these expressions using 's.

1. the uniform worn by the steward

Steward's uniform

2. the burrow in which the rabbit lives



3. the bungalow belonging to my uncle

4. the school in which my brother studies



5. the songs sung by Sonu Nigam

Sonu Nigam's songs

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6. the office in which my sister works

.....my sister's office.....

7. the orders given by the king

.....the king's orders.....

8. the stories written by Enid Blyton

.....Enid Blyton's stories.....

9. the films in which Salman Khan has acted

.....Salman Khan's films.....

10. the tools used by the carpenter

.....the carpenter's tools.....



Some nouns end in **-s**. In their case we use only ' to show belonging.

1. The gardener looked into the cuckoos' nests.

the cuckoos' nests = the nests in which the cuckoos lived

2. The armies' artillery were made of iron.

the armies' artillery = the artillery belonging to the armies



POINTS TO PONDER

- 's and ' show belonging or some other relationship.
- 's is added to most of the nouns
- only ' is added to nouns ending in -s

B. Write these expressions using only ' or 's.

1. the brushes used by the painters

.....The painters' brushes.....

2. the house in which the President lives

.....the President's house.....

3. the bike belonging to the police officer

.....The police officer's bike.....



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- 4. the advice given by the doctor
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- 5. the tricks shown by the magician
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- 6. the medicines taken by the patients
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- 7. the watering cans belonging to the gardener
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- 8. the crayons belonging to the sisters
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- 9. the pets belonging to Mr. Mehta
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- 10. the fishing nets belonging to the fisherwomen
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Rewrite these sentences using only ' or 's.

- 1. The pencil used by the cartoonist is very sharp.
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- 2. The spices used by the cook are very aromatic.
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- 3. The thief ran away with the purses of the ladies.
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- 4. The dentist is checking the teeth of the child.
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- 5. My grandfather issued all the books belonging to the library.
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- 6. The assistants sat in the office in which the manager sits.
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Answer-

- A - 1 Steward's uniform
2 Rabbit's burrow
3 My uncle's bungalow
4 My brother's school
5 Sonu Nigam's songs
6 My sister's office
7 King's orders
8 Edin Blyton's stories
9 Salman Khan's films
10 The carpenter's tools

Answer B-

- 1- Painters' brushes
2- The president's house
3- The police officer's bike
4- The doctor's advice
5- The magician's tricks
6- The patients' medicines
7- The gardener's watering cans
8- Sister's crayons
9- Mr. Mehta's pets
10- The fisherwomen's fishing nets

Answer C

1. The cartoonist's sharp pencil
2 Spices' aromatic
3 Ladies' purses
4 Child's teeth
5 Books' library
6 Manager's office