# Singular Possession: Add an Apostrophe

Answers, explanations and adult support.

## Four rewrites

1 the child's bag; 2 the bird's nest; 3 the teacher's coat; 4 the rabbit's tail. A capital at the start of a written response is acceptable. Each prompt has one owner.

## The placement of apostrophe and s

The apostrophe follows the complete singular noun and comes before the added s. In the model, fox becomes fox's. The owned thing comes afterwards. This page uses only singular common nouns and does not teach plural possession or names ending in s.

## The two choices

The dog wags its tail: its shows possession. It's a rainy day: it's means it is here. The possessive pronoun its has no apostrophe. Do not transfer the noun rule blindly to pronouns.

## An original phrase

Accept a clear phrase with one singular noun as owner, an apostrophe followed by s, and an owned object: for example, the cat's bowl. Adult reading and oral rehearsal are welcome. This is general language practice, not a curriculum or specialist assessment.