Apostrophe s ('s)

What is an Apostrophe 's?

The apostrophe 's ('s) is used to show possession or ownership.

It tells us that something belongs to someone or is related to something.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this chapter, students will be able to: Understand that 's shows possession. Identify and use 's correctly with singular and plural nouns. Write sentences that express ownership using apostrophe 's.

Rules to Remember

i. Use 's with Singular Nouns:

To show that one person or thing owns something, add 's to the singular noun.

Examples:

- the bag of Rahul: Rahul's bag
- the kite of Ankit: Ankit's kite
- the mobile of my mother: My mother's mobile

Sentences:

- Raj has a ball: Raj's ball is new.
- Mary has a pet dog: Mary's dog plays with her.

ii. Use only (') with Plural Nouns ending in -s:

For plural nouns that already end in -s, just add an apostrophe (') after the s.

Examples:

• Girls: girls' school

• **Soldiers:** soldiers' uniforms

Grammar Activities

A. Fill in the blanks with correct possessive forms

Use 's or ' as needed:

1. The elephant's trunk is long.

3. Rahul's kite is pink.

2. I am writing with my friend's pen.

4. Sara's dress is lovely.

- 5 Shrayan
 - 5. Shravan's pen is on the table.
 - 6. The bird's feathers are colourful.
 - 7. The bird's eggs are in the nest.
 - 8. Simran's dress is pink.
 - 9. Ravi's house is big.

- 10. These are Aryan's books.
- 11. Cow's milk is good for health.
- 12. The baby's cradle is swinging to and fro.

Points to Remember

Add 's after singular nouns to show possession. Add only ' (apostrophe) after plural nouns ending in -s.