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| **Grammar Masters: Teacher’s Notes**  **Topic: Possession** |
| Apostrophes, as well as being used to show contractions, are used to mark possession.  There are generally 3 rules for the use of apostrophes to show possession.  If the noun that the item/thing belongs to is singular, the apostrophe goes before the s.  e.g. the man’s bag.  Also be aware of words that sound the same when spelt in the plural form e.g. lady’s (singular) and ladies (plural). If the singular noun ends in an ‘s’ you could write ‘s or s’ e.g. James’ ball or James’s ball are both correct.  If the noun that the item/thing belongs to is plural the apostrophe goes after the s. e.g. the doctors’ surgery.  If the noun that the item/thing belongs to is already plural you add ‘s. e.g. the children’s changing room. |

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