Year 4 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Warm-Up Powerpoint

Apostrophes for Plural Possession

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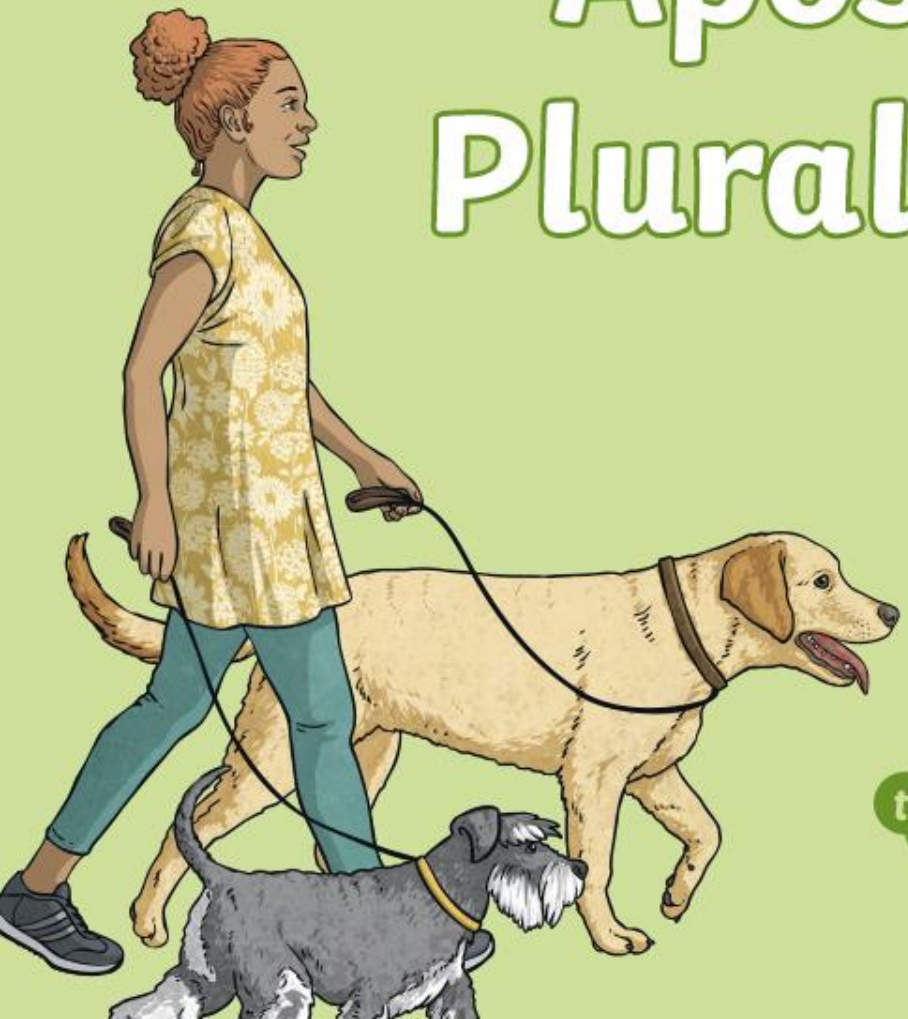

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What Is Plural Possession?

Apostrophes can be used to show that something belongs to someone or something. This is called **possession**. When we are talking about more than one thing, we call this **plural**.

The **dogs'** leads were too long.

The **children's** lunch was delayed.

If the noun is plural and ends with an s, we just attach the apostrophe to it without an additional s.

If the noun is plural and does not end with s, we add 's to the end.

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Plural Possession

Now it is your turn. Read the singular form of the noun, make the noun **plural** and then show where the apostrophe would need to be to show **plural possession**.

Singular	Plural	Plural Possession
kitten	kitten**s**	kittens’
actress	actress**es**	actresses’
baby	bab**ies**	babies’
knife	kni**ves**	knives’
child	child**ren**	children’**s**
volcano	volcano**es**	volcanoes’

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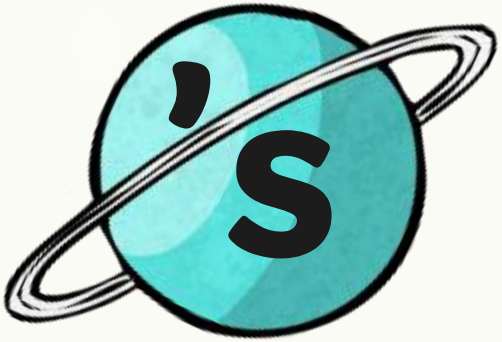

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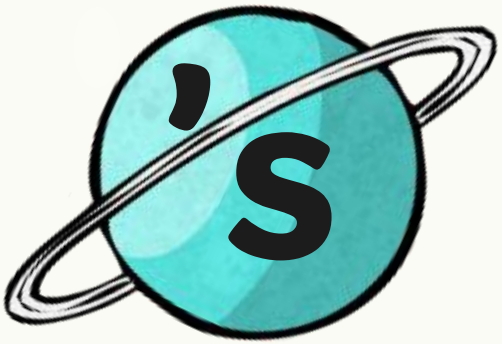

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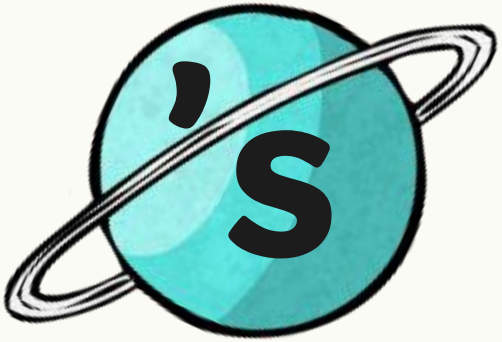

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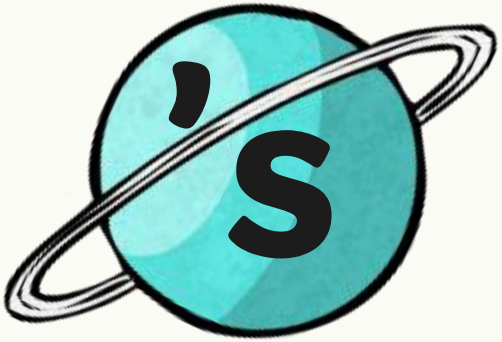

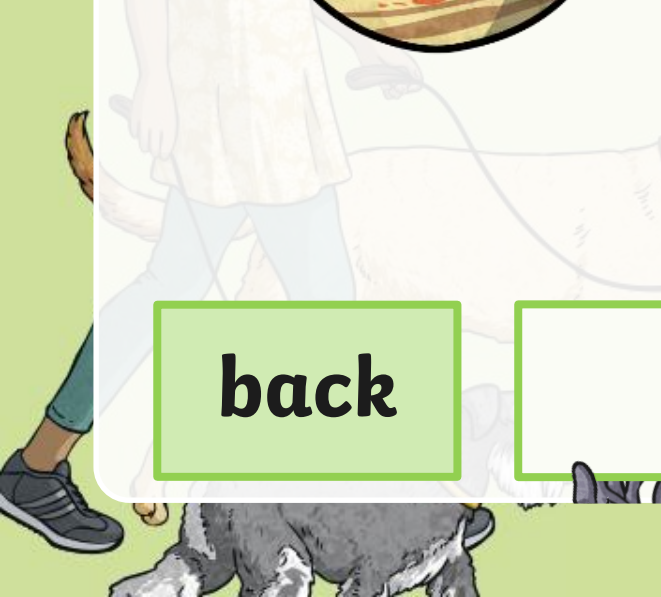

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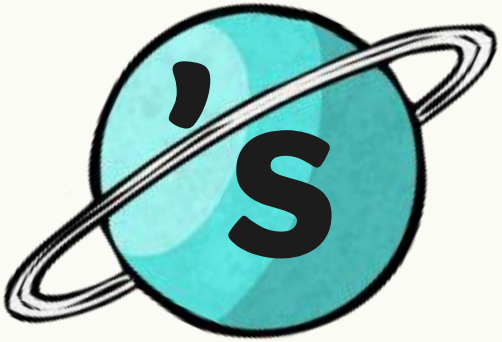

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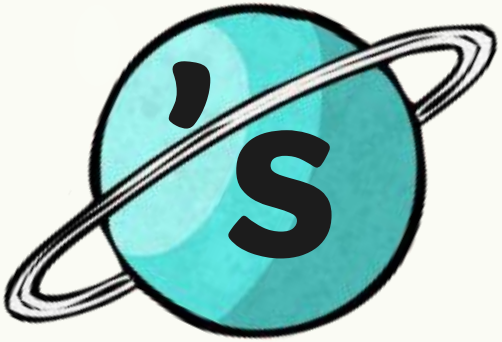

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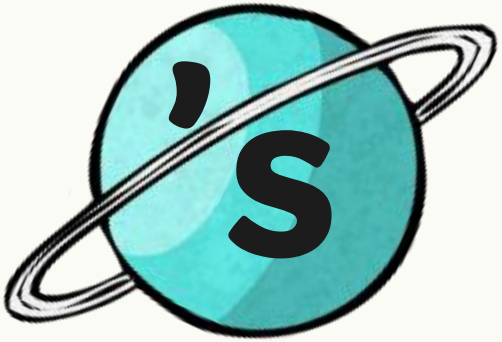

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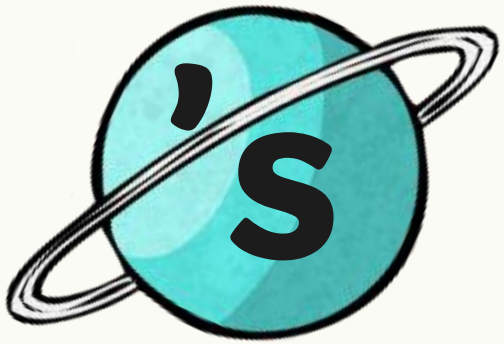

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Which Word Is Correct?

Read the sentences below and decide which word should go in the gap.
Which one accurately shows **plural possession**?

The **planets'** orbits all centre around the star.

planets / planet's / planets' / planets's

Some **lice's** eggs are difficult to remove.

lices / lice's / lices' / lices's

All of the **teeth's** cavities must be filled.

teeths / teeth's / teeths' / teeths's

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Plural Possession Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which word should go in the gap to show plural possession?

_____ handles are sometimes made from wood.

Umbrella's	**Umbrellas'**	**Umbrellas's**

You got it!

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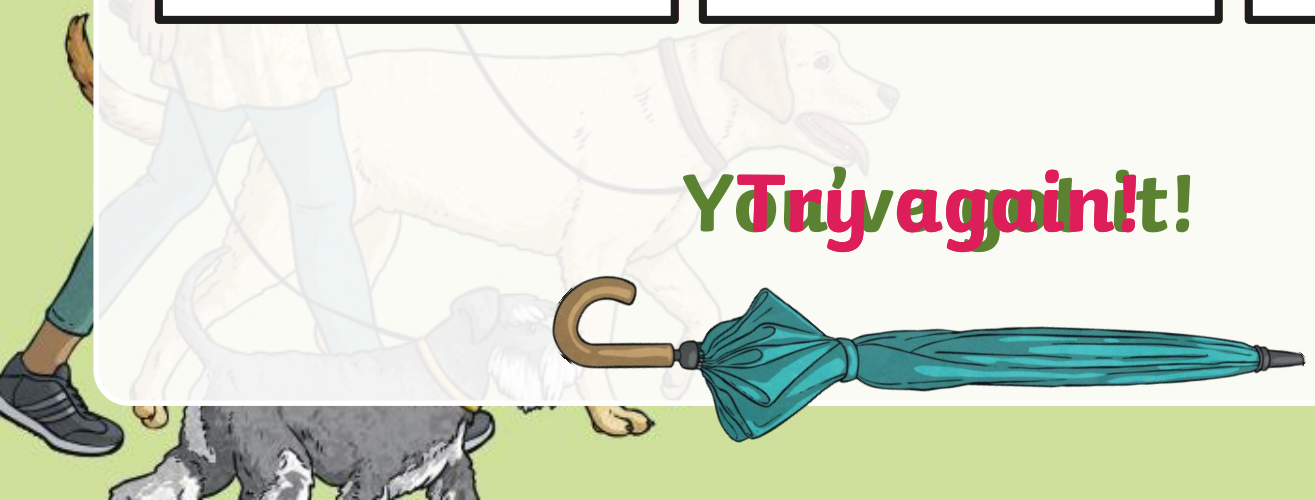

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Which word should go in the gap to show plural possession?

The _____ wings shimmered in the moonlight.

fairies	**fairies's**	**fairies'**

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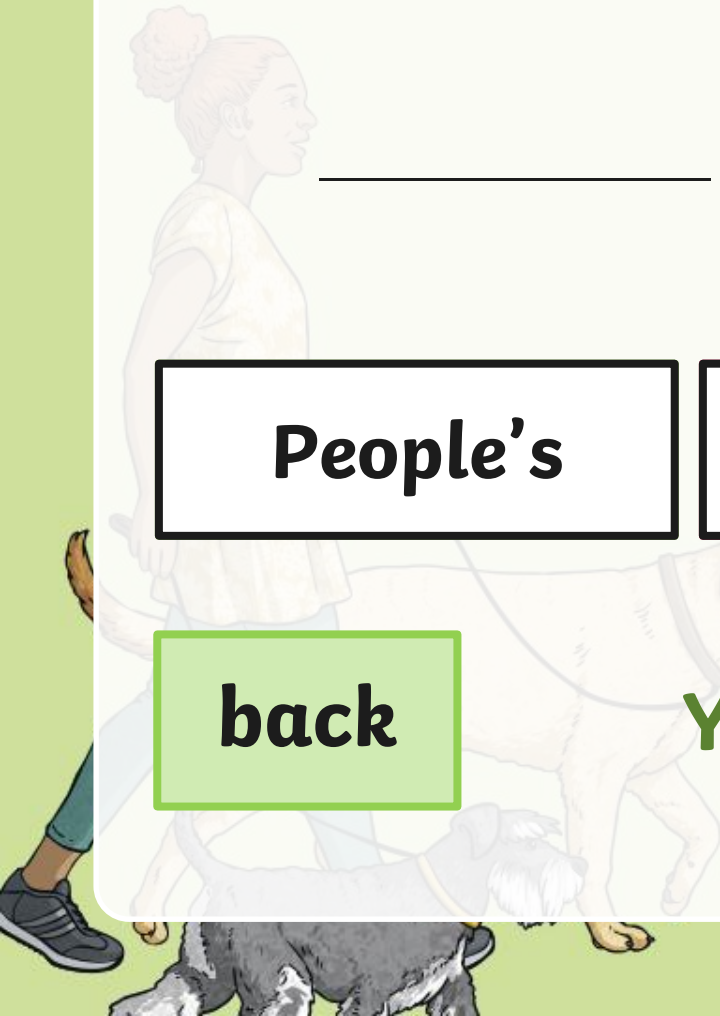

_____ beliefs shape their way of thinking.

People's	Peoples's	Peoples'

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You've got it!

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Plural Possession Quick Quiz

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Which word should go in the gap to show plural possession?

The tiny _____ feet tapped across the floorboards.

mices	**mice's**	**mices'**

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Which Word Is Correct?

Read the sentences below and decide on the plural which should go in the gap. Punctuate the word so that it accurately shows **plural possession**.

Astonishingly, the **boxes'** contents did not weigh much.

singular noun: box

plural noun: boxes

Most of the **cliffs'** faces were crumbling.

singular noun: cliff

plural noun: cliffs

The **animals'** footprints all lead towards the hut.

singular noun: animal

plural noun: animals

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