

Helpful tip:

The apostrophe can be a short way to show ownership e.g. instead of writing **the tail belonging to the cat** you can write **the cat's tail**

The apostrophe position can vary depending on the owner.

- If the owner is singular, add 's: the **dog's** bowl
- If the owner is plural and ends in s, add an apostrophe after the s: the **dogs'** bowl (there is more than 1 dog)

1. Rewrite the sentences, using an apostrophe + s ('s or s') to make the underlined phrases shorter.

a) The cage belonging to the tiger was empty

The tiger's cage was empty.

b) The engine of the car had stopped.

c) The name of the book did not make sense.

d) The noise from the dogs kept the girls awake.

e) The howling made the heads of the girls hurt.

f) There was wet paint on the seats of the chairs.

2. Put in the eight apostrophes that have been left out of this paragraph.

The childrens mouths hung open in shock. What had happened to their houses door? What was on the front windows glass? How had the roofs tiles become blue? Why were fishes tails flapping about? Their parents work was behind this! The partys theme was an underwater adventure!