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## Apostrophe of Possession

Apostrophes of possession are used to show that something belongs to someone or something. The apostrophe is placed after the last letter of the owner's name.

**Example:** my bird's cage (the cage that belongs to my bird)  
the boys' bicycles (the bicycles that belong to the boys)

1. Add an apostrophe of possession to the phrases below.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| a) the bananas skin   | b) the trains carriage    |
| c) the childrens toys | d) the books pages        |
| e) the womens dresses | f) Jessicas swimming pool |
| g) the horses manes   | h) the babys cradle       |

2. Rewrite these phrases using an apostrophe of possession.

- a) the trunk of the elephant \_\_\_\_\_
- b) the glossary of the book \_\_\_\_\_
- c) the patients of the nurses \_\_\_\_\_
- d) the blooms of the flowers \_\_\_\_\_
- e) the tears of the baby \_\_\_\_\_
- f) the house of the Robinsons \_\_\_\_\_
- g) the ribbons of the girls \_\_\_\_\_
- h) the motorbike of my uncle \_\_\_\_\_

3. Circle the word in the brackets which has the apostrophe of possession in the correct place.

- a) The (sun's / suns') beams shone relentlessly down on the forest floor.
- b) As he walked through the clearing, (Joshua's / Joshuas') heart pumped rapidly.
- c) The (bird's / birds') songs filled the forest with harmonious music.
- d) All at once, the (trees' / tree's) branches began to sway gracefully in unison.
- e) The (children's / childrens') map flew out of their hands and into the distance.
- f) As they ran, (Michaels' / Michael's) feet crunched the leaves on the forest floor.
- g) The (friend's / friends') sense of adventure was beginning to fade.
- h) As they turned to leave, a (wolf's / wolfs') piercing howl penetrated the silent woods.

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4. Write the correct answer in the space provided.

a) The chef's secret recipe had disappeared without a trace.

The secret recipe belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_.

b) The children's clothes were covered with red, blue and yellow paint.

The clothes belong to the \_\_\_\_\_.

c) My uncles' beards are extremely long and scratchy.

The beards belong to my \_\_\_\_\_.

d) The architect's design for the new library was unanimously approved by the committee.

The design belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_.

e) After the storm, the ships' masts were in a state of complete disrepair.

The masts belong to the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. These circus performers have mixed up their specialist equipment!

Rewrite each phrase, using the correct equipment, next to each performer.

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b) the ringmaster's assistant \_\_\_\_\_

c) the acrobat's trumpet \_\_\_\_\_

d) the juggler's top hat \_\_\_\_\_

e) the clown's knives \_\_\_\_\_

f) the magician's lion \_\_\_\_\_

g) the musician's balls \_\_\_\_\_

h) the knife thrower's wig \_\_\_\_\_

6. Add the apostrophes of possession to the paragraph below.

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## Answers

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