

The Apostrophe

A) Look at the sentences below. You need to decide whether to fill the gap with *its* or *it's*. Think carefully before writing these sentences out in your book.

- 1) Whose coat is this? ___ mine!
- 2) ___ a lovely day today.
- 3) The elephant raised ___ trunk.
- 4) Hurry up, ___ going to rain.
- 5) The book had lost ___ last page.
- 6) ___ raining today.
- 7) The house lost ___ roof in the storm.
- 8) The dog had hurt ___ paw.
- 9) I love this film ___ my favourite.
- 10) "I've been looking forward to this football game. ___ going to be a close match," said Sir Alex Ferguson.

B) Now we are going to practise using the apostrophe for possession. Think about who owns what in this sentence. Be careful, some words are plurals and do not need an apostrophe.

- 11) Peters shoes were filthy dirty after the walk through the forest.
- 12) The policemen's jacket was bright yellow.
- 13) The telephones ring echoed in the empty hallway.
- 14) The Primer Ministers car was hit by an egg.
- 15) Mr Nelsons bag was full of all sorts of useful things.
- 16) The wardrobes doors were clinging on to the hinges.
- 17) The dentists office was full of people with toothache.
- 18) West Hams captain scored the winning goal.
- 19) The childrens school dinners were delicious.
- 20) Hundreds of people packed in to the hall to hear the Mayors speech.