

**TWELFTH NIGHT: ACT 4
YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6
PUNCTUATION EXERCISE: POSSESSIVE APOSTROPHES**

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A possessive apostrophe is used to show that one thing belongs to or is connected to something.

Read the examples below:

1. Sir **Andrew's** bony hand went crashing into the side of **Cesario's** head.

Andrew is a singular noun so you need to add an apostrophe and "s" to show that the **hand** belongs to **Andrew**.

2. The **sailors' swords** were pulled out, ready to fight.

Sailors is a plural noun that ends in an "s" so you don't add another "s" after your apostrophe. You can just add an apostrophe to show the **swords** belonged to the warriors.

3. **People's tongues** were wagging.

People is a plural noun but it doesn't end with an "s" so you need to add an apostrophe and "s" to show that the **tongues** belonged to the **people**.

1. **Ross' mouth** couldn't utter the words.

Ross is a singular noun that ends in an "s", so you need to add an apostrophe to show that the **mouth** belongs to **Ross**.

Useful videos:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs>

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