More than one, or belonging? Answers

What your child practised: telling a plural s (more than one) from a possessive s (something belongs) (Year 4 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

two hats: **more than one** · Leo's hat: **belongs**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Check each one with the "belonging to" test.

Page 2 · A. Plural or possessive?

1. **plural** · 2. **possessive** · 3. **possessive**
4. **plural** · 5. **possessive**

Page 3 · B. Ring the right word

1. **girls** · 2. **Leo's** · 3. **flowers**
4. **horse's** · 5. **ducks** · 6. **Ava's**

Page 3 · C. Fix the signs

Apples 50p · **Fresh eggs** · **Tom's Café**
Carrots 40p: **already right**, tick it

Page 3 · D. Two sentences

Answers will vary, e.g. *We have two cats.* / *My dad's boots are muddy.*

Challenge: No. "Brothers" just means more than one brother, and nothing belongs to them in this sentence, so there is no apostrophe: **My brothers are both taller than me.**

Watch out for

- **An apostrophe on every s** (apple's for apples). Remind them: if it only means more than one, it never gets an apostrophe. Real signs often get this wrong!
- **Leaving the apostrophe out** when something belongs (Toms Café). Ask "Whose café is it?" If there's an answer, it needs an apostrophe.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Thumbs up, thumbs down:** say a phrase, like "the cat's bowl" or "lots of cats". Thumbs up if it needs an apostrophe.
- **Sign spotting:** on a walk or in a shop, look for signs with an s on the end. Is any apostrophe in the wrong place?
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Plural possession, shows one owner or many owners: the girl's name and the girls' names.