

# 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 on lined paper. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAPITALS AND FULL STOPS!**

- 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 policemans jackets were bright yellow.
- 13) The telephones ring echoed in the empty hallway.
- 14) The Prime 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) Ipswichs 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.