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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. **Hamlet’s letters were long and confusing.**

**Hamlet** is a singular noun so you need to add an apostrophe and "s" to show that the **letters** belonged to Hamlet**.**

1. **The pirates' swords were pulled out, ready to fight.**

**Pirates** 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 pirates**.**

1. **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. Polonius’ mouth couldn’t utter the words.**

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

**Useful video: https://**[**www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs)

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1. Tears rolled down Laertes face.

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# Year 3 and Year 4

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3. Claudius has sinister ideas about Hamlet’s journey to England.
4. Laerte’s face turned red with anger.
5. Ophelia’s death adds fuel to Laerte’s anger and desire for revenge.
6. The ghost’s face appeared from the shadows.
7. Tears rolled down Laerte’s face.