

## Apostrophes: Identify, Insert, Use

### A Check your understanding

Circle the **possessive apostrophes** below. Label them **SINGULAR** or **PLURAL** at the end of each sentence.

- 1 The Spider Monkey's tail was curled around the branch.
- 2 Understandably, the villagers' concerns caused great anxiety.
- 3 Remaema's fears were coming true.
- 4 The bird's screech caught their attention.
- 5 The children found the trees' branches strewn all over the place. Each branch's leaves were brown and withered.
- 6 It's heart breaking to see the forest's trees destroyed.
- 7 The loggers' equipment crushed everything in its path. The machine's wheels were the size of a person. They weren't careful.
- 8 Grandfather's words had quite an impact on the villagers. Each villager's face was wracked with worry. They didn't know what to do.

### B Explore possession using apostrophes

Edit these extracts from **The Vanishing Rainforest**, adding apostrophes for possession. There are **four** to find.

At the waters edge she washed her sticky hands. The muddied water hurried past her to join the worlds largest river – the Amazon.

A few months later, Remaemas uncle set off briskly from the yano.

"Where are you going, Moawa?" asked Remaema.

"I'm off to find yao nahi trees for the visitors house," he replied.

### C Use possessive apostrophes in writing

Pick one noun from each list and write a sentence that uses a possessive apostrophe.

List 1	List 2
Remaema	branches
strangers	machines
Moawa	glasses
trees	shoes
loggers	hammock
Jane	brother
forest	future
Rikomi	tools
villagers	homes