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## If we're ready to tackle swine flu, pig's can fly

**B**ULLETINS from the swine flu front line, part one: Last Friday, Harry contracts it. It took a while for the diagnosis to come through. First, the doctor had to phone and then, for some reason, the practice manager had to call, and by the time the swine flu was taken, and by the time the doctor had contracted swine flu, but nobody had advised his family to keep their other kids off school or steer clear of public transport and crowded workplaces.

Naturally, he also assumed the doctor's surgery wasn't off limits. So John walks in and tells the receptionist that his son has swine flu and he, too, is starting to feel ill, too, and she darts backwards so fast she almost topples off her chair. Next minute, big panic off he is bundled into a side room to

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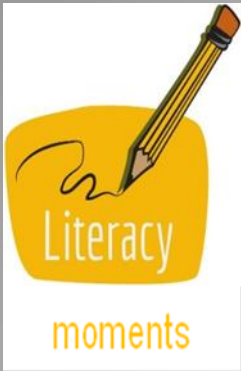
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# **Apostrophes to show possession**

An apostrophe can be used to show that one thing belongs to something or someone else. This is known as the apostrophe of **possession**.

If we start with a **singular** noun...



*The dog*

...then we just add an apostrophe and an s

*The dog's nose*



If the noun we start with is a **plural**...

*The dogs*

.... we add the apostrophe **after** the s

You don't want  
to break up the  
original word!



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