

Possessive nouns need an apostrophe. Possessive pronouns do not need an apostrophe.

- To make a **singular** noun show ownership, add an apostrophe (') and **s**.

the cat's bell
the cowboy's hat
James's bicycle

- To make the possessive of a **plural** noun that ends in **s**, add an apostrophe (').

the boys' team
the soldiers' camp
the puppies' leashes

- To make the possessive of a **plural** noun that does not end in **s**, add an apostrophe (') and **s**.

the men's jackets
the mice's holes
the children's toys

- When several people share a possession, add apostrophe (') **s** to the last noun.

Mary, Kate, and Bill's family
Frederick and Marta's home

- **Possessive pronouns** do not require an apostrophe.

Used before a noun—my your his her our their
***our** lunches **my** first bicycle **his** favorite show*

Stand alone—mine yours his hers its ours theirs
*This blue pen is **mine**. Is the red one **yours**? No, it is **hers**.*

Possessive Nouns & Pronouns

It Belongs to Me

**Rule
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A Underline the possessive words in these sentences. (Don't forget about possessive pronouns.) Add apostrophes where they are needed to show ownership.

My sister tore the book's pages.

1. The suns rays warmed the lakes surface.
2. The childrens rain boots were stored in the teachers closet.
3. Tom carried his books home from school in his brothers backpack.
4. We spent our summer vacation at our grandparents farm.
5. Avi put his books on the librarians desk.
6. Three boys bikes were left in the middle of the street.
7. Our classs schedule will change next semester.
8. The womens lunches all cost the same amount.

B 1. Write a sentence containing a possessive form that uses 's.

2. Write a sentence containing a possessive form that uses s'.

3. Write a sentence containing a possessive form that doesn't need an apostrophe.

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Plural or Possessive?

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Decide whether the underlined word in each sentence is plural or possessive. Circle your response. Add apostrophes where necessary.

1. Toren and Daylela are friends. plural possessive
2. Yesterday, Toren and Daylela were riding bikes. plural possessive
3. One bikes tire became flat. plural possessive
4. Both friends decided to walk their bikes home. plural possessive
5. Dogs owners sometimes buy their pets things. plural possessive
6. Dogs may have toys, beds, and even clothes. plural possessive
7. Many pet owners buy their dogs chew toys. plural possessive
8. Dogs appreciate a chew toys taste, smell, and feel. plural possessive
9. Lola earns five dollars a week for her allowance. plural possessive
10. Most weeks she buys fifty cents worth of candy. plural possessive
11. Some weeks she buys a pencil or an eraser with her money. plural possessive
12. She saves the rest of her allowance. She is waiting for a sale, so she can get her moneys worth on a new soccer ball. plural possessive

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Place Plurals and Possessives

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Properly place the plural nouns and singular and plural possessives in the sentences.

lady's ladies'

1. The _____ purse was so full that she couldn't find her wallet inside.
2. The _____ cookies were judged to be better than the men's.

year's years'

3. This _____ carnival was better than ever.
4. My parents have two _____ vacation saved up for their world tour.

sister's sisters'

5. My three _____ bedroom is always a mess.
6. My _____ best friend is my best friend, too.

crowds crowd's

7. Everyone at the game could feel the _____ energy.
8. _____ of people gathered outside Ken's hospital room to visit him.

countries countries'

9. Thirteen _____ became members of the trade organization.
10. The participating _____ commitment to fair trade was important.

boy's boys'

11. The _____ balloon escaped from his hands and flew into the air.
12. The _____ decision to work together made them an unbeatable team.