

Singular Possessive Nouns

A **singular possessive noun** shows that a person, animal, place, or thing has or owns something.

Add an apostrophe and –s to form a singular possessive noun.

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The **alligator's** hide is bumpy.

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The **king's** horse has a braided mane.

Singular Possessive Nouns

Change each of the following phrases by using the possessive form of the blue noun.

- 1 a coffee shop owned by **Joe**
- 2 a hoof of a **cow**
- 3 the laptop belonging to **Susan**
- 4 the wings of a **bird**
- 5 the shoes owned by a **man**
- 6 the tail of the **giraffe**
- 7 the art gallery owned by **Lucy**
- 8 the whiskers of a **cat**

Plural Possessive Nouns

To form a **plural possessive noun**, add an apostrophe to the end of a plural noun that ends in s.

Plural Noun That Ends in s	Plural Possessive Noun
The foxes have a den.	It is the foxes' den.
The toys belong to the babies .	They are the babies' toys.

Plural Possessive Nouns

Add an apostrophe and –s to the end of a plural noun that does not end in s.

Plural Noun That Does Not End in s	Plural Possessive Noun
The women have a club.	It is the women’s club.
The tails belonging to the mice are long.	The mice’s tails are long.

Plural Possessive Nouns

Change each of the following phrases by using the possessive form of the blue noun. Tell whether you added an apostrophe or an apostrophe plus -s.

- 1 the books belonging to the **children**
- 2 the bowls belonging to the **dogs**
- 3 the melted wax of the **candles**
- 4 the lights of the **cities**
- 5 the antlers belonging to many **deer**
- 6 the soft fur of the **rabbits**

Possessive Pronouns

A **possessive pronoun** can take the place of a possessive noun to show who or what owns something. No apostrophe is used with possessive pronouns.

Singular Possessive Pronouns	Plural Possessive Pronouns
<i>her, hers, his, my, mine</i>	<i>our, ours, their, theirs</i>
The red jacket is his .	The Smiths bought their first house.
My purple coat is on the hook.	Ours is right across the street.

Possessive Pronouns

Replace the blue word or words in each sentence with a possessive pronoun.

- 1 That is **Sally's** dog.
- 2 **Dad's** sandwich looks delicious.
- 3 **Sam and Bill's** presentation was entertaining.
- 4 That is **my sister's and my** bedroom.
- 5 The marbles are **Cindy and Roger's**.

Review Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

A **singular possessive noun** shows that a person, an animal, a place, or a thing has or owns something. Add an apostrophe and –s to form a singular possessive noun.

To form a **plural possessive noun**, add an apostrophe to the end of a plural noun that ends in –s. Add an apostrophe and –s to the end of a plural nouns that does not end in –s.

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Review Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

Singular Possessives	Plural Possessives
Ryan’s favorite store is having a sale.	I am going to the children’s department.
I bought my soccer ball there.	The shoes’ laces are too tight.
The jacket’s hood zips off.	Mom and Dad gave me their coupons.

Review Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

Make the blue noun in each sentence possessive. Tell whether you added an apostrophe plus –s or just an apostrophe.

- 1 **Andrew** fish are out of food.
- 2 The **birds** feathers were bright orange.
- 3 The **men** locker room is being cleaned.
- 4 The **berries** seeds stick in my teeth.

Review Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

Complete each sentence by adding a possessive pronoun.

- 1 Mr. Edwards went to _____ friend's house.
- 2 Lily and Elissa walk _____ dog each night.
- 3 We both like mustard on _____ hotdogs.
- 4 I forgot my lunch, so Miss Pringle gave me some of _____.

Connect to Writing: Using Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

Good writers use possessive pronouns to avoid repeating possessive nouns and to make sentences smoother. Be sure to replace a singular or plural possessive noun with a singular or plural possessive pronoun.

Awkward Sentences	Smoother Sentences
The players’ best game was the last one of <i>the players’</i> season.	The players’ best game was the last one of <i>their</i> season.
Tyrone smiled as he watched <i>Tyrone’s</i> brother score a goal.	Tyrone smiled as he watched <i>his</i> brother score a goal.