

# 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.

*singular possessive noun*

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

*singular possessive noun*

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

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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 <i>s</i>	Plural Possessive Noun
The <b>foxes</b> have a den.	It is the <b>foxes'</b> den.
The toys belong to the <b>babies</b> .	They are the <b>babies'</b> 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 <b>women</b> have a club.	It is the <b>women's</b> club.
The tails belonging to the <b>mice</b> are long.	The <b>mice's</b> 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 <b>his</b> .	The Smiths bought <b>their</b> first house.
<b>My</b> purple coat is on the hook.	<b>Ours</b> 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
<p><b>Ryan's</b> favorite store is having a sale.</p>	<p>I am going to the <b>children's</b> department.</p>
<p>I bought <b>my</b> soccer ball there.</p>	<p>The <b>shoes'</b> laces are too tight.</p>
<p>The <b>jacket's</b> hood zips off.</p>	<p>Mom and Dad gave me <b>their</b> coupons.</p>

# 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.