

Singular Possessive Nouns

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singular possessive noun
the **dragon's** scales

singular possessive noun
the **knight's** horse

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

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| 1 a storybook <u>owned by Jess</u> | _____ storybook |
| 2 the horn <u>of the unicorn</u> | the _____ horn |
| 3 the shoes <u>of the elf</u> | the _____ shoes |
| 4 the wings <u>of a fairy</u> | a _____ wings |
| 5 the castle <u>of the giant</u> | the _____ castle |
| 6 the tail <u>of the mermaid</u> | the _____ tail |
| 7 the beard <u>of the king</u> | the _____ beard |
| 8 the mane <u>of the winged horse</u> | the _____ mane |

Plural Possessive Nouns

A **plural possessive noun** shows ownership by more than one person or thing.

When a plural noun ends with -s, add an apostrophe to make it possessive.

When a plural noun does not end in -s, add -'s to make it possessive.

plural possessive noun

the **boxes'** lids

plural possessive noun

the **men's** hats

Plural Possessive Nouns

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

1 the walls of the buildings

the _____ walls

2 the toys of the children

the _____ toys

3 the fields of the farmers

the _____ fields

4 the homes of their neighbors

their _____ homes

5 the honks of the geese

the _____ honks

Apostrophe Use in Possessive Nouns

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singular possessive

The **rabbit's** ears twitched.

plural possessive

We could see the **foxes'** tails.

Apostrophe Use in Possessive Nouns

Add the apostrophes correctly in the following possessive nouns.

- 1 The mans hat blew off.
- 2 All of the birds songs fell silent.
- 3 The teams project won first prize.
- 4 The skaters costumes were gold.
- 5 The childrens eyes grew wide.
- 6 The three little pigs tails uncurled.

Review Possessive Nouns

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singular possessive

The **dragon's** scales are green.

plural possessive

The **knights'** horses are white.

Review Possessive Nouns

Share how you would change each underlined phrase to a possessive noun.

- 1 The lockers of the students were painted over the summer.
- 2 The sister of the girl walked her home.
- 3 We watched the flag of the band wave in the distance.
- 4 The arrows of the archers flew through the air.
- 5 The horses belonging to the farmer galloped away.
- 6 A voice of the singer echoed through the hall.
- 7 The honks of the geese were very loud.

Connect to Writing: Using Possessive Nouns

When you write, you can sometimes make a sentence clearer by adding a possessive noun to indicate ownership. Showing possession helps the reader better understand what is happening.

Unclear	Clear
We heard the voice, and we grinned and danced.	We heard the singer's voice, and we grinned and danced.