

Plural Possessives

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Plural Noun Definition: When a noun means more than one, it is said to be plural.

Examples: boys, girls, books, churches

Possessive Case Definition: When a noun shows ownership or possession

Rule #1

When the plural ends in **s**, only the apostrophe is added.

Examples: boys = boys' coat Jesus' disciples
Mr. Furness = Mr. Furness' car
Odysseus = Odysseus' travels
princess = princess' tiara

Rule #2

When the plural does not end in s, only the **apostrophe** and the **s** is added.

Examples: oxen = oxen's

Exercise

Write the possessive of each of the following nouns and tell what each possesses.

boys _____	ladies _____	kings _____
girls _____	beauties _____	churches _____
mice _____	men _____	geese _____
oxen _____	women _____	cousins _____
clocks _____	teachers _____	heroes _____
ducks _____	cows _____	horses _____
wolves _____	bears _____	queens _____
foxes _____	flies _____	turkeys _____
workmen _____	scholars _____	cars _____

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<p>Plural Noun Definition</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>When a noun means more than one, it is said to be plural.</p> <p>Ex: boys, girls, books, churches, flashcards</p>
<p>Possessive Case Definition</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>When a noun shows ownership or possession</p>
<p>Give an example of a plural possessive noun</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>cups' handles, boys' club, flies' wings, birds' beaks, dogs' barks, cats' tails, drivers' cars, kings' crowns, queens' ladies</p>
<p>How do you make a possessive when a plural noun ends in s?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>Rule #1: When the plural ends in s, only the apostrophe is added.</p> <p>Ex: Jesus' disciples, boys=boys' coat, Odysseus = Odysseus' travels, princess = princess' tiara</p>

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**How do you make a
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noun does not end in s?**

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Rule #2: When the plural does not end in s, only the **apostrophe** and the **s** is added.

Ex: oxen = oxen'**s**, men = men'**s**

Exercise

Change the phrases to possessive nouns

Examples: the toes of the children = children's toes
 the feet of the horses = horses' feet

the cheering of the children _____

the laughter of the men _____

the horn of the oxen _____

the jump rope of the girls _____

the howling of the dogs _____

the singing of the choirs _____

the handbags of the women _____

the cheese of the mice _____

Exercise

Change these expressions to form the possessive case

Example: the blocks of the children = children's blocks

the pedals of the bicycles _____

the legs of the chairs _____

the clucks of the hens _____

the ticking of the clocks _____

the titles of the books _____

the windows of the castles _____

the colors of the crayons _____

the brushes of the paints _____

the petals of the flowers _____

the papers of the students _____

the chuckling of the parents _____

the laughter of the children _____

the recital of the dancers _____

Quick Review

<i>Single</i>	<i>Plural</i>	<i>Singular Possessive</i>	<i>Plural Possessive</i>
girl	girls	girl's fan	girls' fan
man	men	man's work	men's work
baker	bakers	baker's bread	bakers' bread
tailor	tailors	tailor's shop	tailors' shop
mechanic	mechanics	mechanic's tools	mechanics' tools
fox	foxes	fox's tail	foxes' tail
citizen	citizens	citizen's duty	citizens' duty

Exercise: Write the singular and plural possessives for the following *italicized* words.

	<i>Singular Possessive</i>	<i>Plural Possessive</i>
<i>Christian</i> duty	_____	_____
<i>brother</i> opinion	_____	_____
<i>church</i> congregation	_____	_____
<i>mother</i> garden	_____	_____
<i>family</i> yard	_____	_____
<i>worker</i> uniform	_____	_____
<i>minute</i> work	_____	_____
<i>day</i> rest	_____	_____
<i>money</i> worth	_____	_____

Singular Possessive

Plural Possessive

witness accusations _____

actresses roles _____

day events _____

elephant trunk _____

tree leaves _____

giraffe neck _____

Christian responsibility _____

ship deck _____

clock hands _____

lamp light _____

hero prize _____

sin wages _____
