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Possessive & Plural Nouns

A **possessive noun** is a noun that shows ownership or possession of things or qualities.



Example: Mary's birthday cake.

How to form possessive nouns:

Nouns	To Form Possessive	Examples
All singular nouns OR plural nouns that don't end in S	Add an apostrophe and s ('s)	Mary - Mary's book Children - children's books
Plural nouns ending in S	Add just an apostrophe (') to the end of the plural noun	Foxes - the foxes' den The Joneses - the Joneses' cat

Examples:

Singular Noun	Yolanda plays basketball.
Singular Possessive Noun	Yolanda's report is about basketball.
Plural Noun	Basketball is played in many countries .
Plural Possessive Noun	Several countries' teams travel around the world.

Testing Your Knowledge:

1. What is a possessive noun?
2. How do you form singular possessive nouns?
3. How do you form plural possessive nouns?
4. How do you form the possessive form of plural nouns that do not end in s?

Practice:

Write the possessive form of the noun in parentheses in the space provided.

1	The (<u>cat</u>) meows abated after it was fed.	cat's
2	(<u>Jamal</u>) car accelerated quickly.	
3	(<u>Mrs. Shiver</u>) head throbbed after teaching all day.	
4	Mr. Jones abruptly stopped speaking when five (<u>students</u>) book bags fell.	
5	(<u>Jerome</u>) test results were abnormal.	
6	The students were flabbergasted when the (<u>bus</u>) tires flew off the bus!	
7	The (<u>children</u>) parents were notified that school was closed.	
8	The (<u>babies</u>) cries were easy to perceive because they were very robust.	
9	The class was incredulous when the (<u>principal</u>) assistant told them that they would have homework every day of the year.	

Complete the following chart:

Singular Noun	Singular Possessive	Plural Noun	Plural Possessive Noun
man	man's	men	men's
	lady's		
			teachers'
hero		foxes	
		babies	

Vocabulary:

abated - to make or become less in amount or intensity

abnormal - not normal

abrupt - sudden or unexpected

accelerated - to speed up, or to cause to speed up

flabbergasted - to surprise or amaze people into a state of shock

incredulous - not willing to believe something

notified - to let someone know, to inform

perceive - to become aware of through any of the senses, especially sight or hearing

throb - to pound or beat rapidly or violently; to pulsate or vibrate

robust - strong, healthy