

Possessive Nouns (Level 2)

Possessive nouns are used to show who owns something. We create possessive nouns by adding an apostrophe(‘) and sometimes the letter(s) to the end of a word. (Gabby’s, Mike’s).

How to make possessive nouns:

For most singular nouns we add (‘s) to the end of the noun. Example: person’s, woman’s, Toby’s

For most plural nouns we add (‘) to the end of the noun. Example: boys’, dogs’, students’

For irregular plural nouns that do not end with (s) we add (‘s) just like the singular nouns.

Example: children’s, sheep’s, men’s

If you want to show that two nouns possess one thing together then you only need to add the possessive form to the second noun. Example: That is Simon and Jessi’s cat. (There is only one cat and it belongs to both people.)

If you want to show that there are two separate nouns with two owners you need to add the possessive to both. Example: That is Simon’s and Jessi’s cat.(There are two cats and one belongs to each person.)

Let’s Practice:

1. Write the correct possessive noun form for each sentence.

Ex. The bag belongs to Tammy.

Tammy’s bag.

a. The car belongs to Bill.

b. The bicycle belongs to Gertrude.

c. The backpacks belong to the students.

d. The dogs belong to Ron and Hermonie.

e. The owl belongs to Harry.

f. One ball belongs to Kim and one ball belongs to Jeff.

2. Use the names to answer the questions below.

Ex. Whose phone is it? (Sean).

It’s Sean’s.

a. Whose book is it? (Rena).

b. Whose pens are they? (Teacher).

c. Whose banana is it? (Ahmed).

d. Whose notebooks are they? (Students).

e. Whose truck is it? (Gus).

f. Whose cows are they? (Ed and Al).

Answers:

1.
 - a) Bill's car.
 - b) Gertrude's bicycle.
 - c) The students' backpacks.
 - d) Ron and Hermonie's dogs.
 - e) Harry's owl.
 - f) Kim's and Jeff's ball.

2.
 - a) It's Rena's.
 - b) They're the teacher's.
 - c) It's Ahmed's.
 - d) They're the students'.
 - e) It's Gus's.
 - f) They're Ed and Al's.