

Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns Notes

The word **noun** means a *person, place, or thing*.

A **common noun** is a general word.

A **proper noun** is a name.

	<i>Person</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Thing</i>
Common Noun	woman	city	car
	manager	supermarket	soup
Proper Noun	Autumn	Riverdale	Porsche
	Mr. Johnson	New York City	Campbell's Soup

Common nouns can be **singular** or **plural**.

To make most nouns plural, an “s” is added. These are **regular plural** forms.

Some common nouns have **irregular plural** forms. These do not end in “s”.

<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>	<i>Irregular Plural</i>
car	cars	
manager	managers	
city	cities*	
knife	knives**	
dish	dishes***	
woman		women
child		children
person		people
mouse		mice

You sometimes need to change the spelling when you add “s”.

*If a word ends in a consonant and “y”, change the “y” to “ie”, then add “s”

**If a word ends in “f” or “fe”, change the “f” to “v”.

***If a word ends in “sh”, “ch”, “x”, or “s”, add “es”

Note: Some common nouns are considered uncountable, and they are rarely used in the plural form. This group includes words such as *water, sugar, and air*.

A **possessive noun** shows possession, or ownership.

Ex: Dione has a gray car. *OR* Dione owns a gray car.

Dione's car is gray. = The **car of Dione** is gray.

Her car is gray. (Her is a possessive pronoun. It substitutes for the possessive noun).

Ex: Joe has brown eyes.

Jason's eyes are brown. = The **eyes of Jason** are brown.

His eyes are brown. (His is a possessive pronoun. It substitutes for the possessive noun).

3 Rules

1. To change a **singular noun** into a **singular possessive noun**, add 's (apostrophe s).
It doesn't matter if the singular noun ends in s already.

The name of my son is Jason. = My son's name is Jason.

The hair of Jason is brown. = Jason's hair is brown.

2. To change an **irregular plural noun** into a **possessive**, add 's (apostrophe s).

The books of the men are on the table. = The men's books are on the table.

The mother of the children is nice. = The children's mother is nice.

3. To change a **regular plural noun** into a **possessive**, add only' (apostrophe).
Don't add another s!

The brother of the girls is short.

= The girls' brother is short.

The problems of the students are sad.

= The students' problems are sad.

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Practice Exercise

B. Directions: **Underline the words that need possessive forms ('s or s'). Then, rewrite the sentences so that they are correct.**

For example:

I have two sons. My older son name is Xion. My younger child name is Xion.
 My older son's name is Xion. My younger child's name is Xion

Xion eyes are green. Xion has brown eyes. Both my sons hair is black.
 Xion's eyes are green. Both my sons' hair is black.

1. I have two neighbors. The woman name is Nala.
2. Her husband name is David.
3. My neighbors have two children. Their children names are Xavier and Kyndol.
4. My neighbors children are nice boys.
5. Their sons go to elementary school. The school name is Columbia Elementary School.
6. Their teachers names are Mrs. Brown and Miss. Jackson.
7. Mrs. Brown first name is Autumn.
8. Autumn husband works at the school also.