

Possessive Form: Nouns

FORM:

Noun + 's + noun

Noun + s' + noun

USE:

The apostrophe indicates **possession**. It is added to the end of nouns to indicate that one noun possesses another noun. Look at the following rules:

1. Add an apostrophe (') and “-s” to a singular noun.

The girl's cat is gray.

The cat belongs to the girl.

2. Add an apostrophe (') and “-s” or just an apostrophe (') to singular nouns that end in “-s”.

The boss's chair is in the office.

The chair belongs to the boss.

3. Add only an apostrophe (') at the end of a plural noun.

The girls' books are on the desks.

The books belong to the girls.

4. Add apostrophe (') “-s” to irregular plural nouns.

The women's purses are full of money.

The purses belong to the women.

5. For two or more subjects or a subject with hyphens (“-”, add “-'s at the end of last noun.)

Peter and Tina's dog is friendly.

The dog belongs to Peter and Tina.

EXAMPLES:

My brother-in-law's motorcycle is fast.

The motorcycle belongs to my brother-in-law.

My cousin's boyfriend is cute.

Kathy's house is very small.

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Complete these sentences. Fill in the blanks with the *POSSESSIVE* form of the noun in parentheses.

1. (A teacher) _____ life is very busy.
2. (James) _____ grammar books are heavy.
3. (friends) Her _____ party is at 8:00 p.m.
4. (sister) His _____ husband is a mechanic.
5. (dog) Their _____ name is King.
6. (men) The _____ washroom is down the hall.

Read the sentences. Write down *HOW MANY* for each one.

Example: *My daughter's bags are full. One daughter More than one bag.*

1. My daughter's boyfriend is tall. _____

2. My son's video collection is huge. _____

3. My friend's room is white. _____

4. My sons' toys are in the room. _____

5. My sons' dog is black and white. _____

6. My daughter's friends are loud. _____

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Change into the POSSESSIVE form.

Example:

boots/skier = The skier's boots

1. hats/men

2. apartment/ Claude

3. toys/ baby

4. report/ manager

5. marks/ students

6. dresses/ woman

7. teeth / child

8. blue eyes/ Paul

Change into the POSSESSIVE form.

1. the coat that belongs to John

2. the glasses that belong to Grandmother

3. the newspaper that belongs to Melanie

4. the house that belongs to Helen

5. the wallet that belongs to Cindy

6. the baseballs that belong to the team

7. the diskettes that belong to the staff

8. the luggage that belong to the travellers

9. the books that belong to the boys

10. the ticket that belongs to the passenger

11. the umbrellas that belong to your friends

12. the phone that belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Davis

13. the tennis racket that belongs to Ann

14. the dog that belongs to the young child

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Look at the example and do the same. Example: coat / brown. Jane's coat is brown.

1. house / large Mike_____
2. bicycles / new The children_____
3. names / Tom and Peter My brothers_____
4. shop / small The baker_____
5. son / ten years old Kevin_____
6. garden / beautiful My grandfather_____
7. computer / outdated George_____
8. trip / next week His parents_____