

- A **possessive noun** shows possession of the noun that follows.
- Form the possessive of most singular nouns by adding an apostrophe (') and **-s**.
EXAMPLES: the girl's car Mr. Lewis's book
- Form the possessive of a plural noun ending in **-s** by adding only an apostrophe.
EXAMPLES: the Wongs' home boys' jeans brothers' business
- Form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in **-s** by adding an apostrophe and **-s**.
EXAMPLES: children's clothes women's shoes

A. Write the possessive form of each noun.

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| 1. girl _____ | 6. baby _____ | 11. brother _____ |
| 2. child _____ | 7. boys _____ | 12. soldier _____ |
| 3. women _____ | 8. teacher _____ | 13. men _____ |
| 4. children _____ | 9. Dr. Ray _____ | 14. aunt _____ |
| 5. Ramji _____ | 10. ladies _____ | 15. Ms. Jones _____ |

B. Rewrite each phrase using a possessive noun.

1. the cap belonging to Jim _____
2. the wrench that belongs to Kathy _____
3. the smile of the baby _____
4. the car that my friend owns _____
5. the new shoes that belong to Aron _____
6. the collar of the dog _____
7. the golf clubs that Maryla owns _____
8. the shoes that belong to the runners _____
9. the friends of our parents _____
10. the opinion of the editor _____
11. the lunches of the children _____
12. the coat belonging to Saul _____
13. the assignment of the teacher _____

Using Apostrophes to Show Possession (continued)

A. Rewrite each of the following phrases using apostrophes.

1. the equipment belonging to the Blue Jays _____
2. the volleyball belonging to Katy and Yoko _____
3. the lockers of the students _____
4. the shoes of the ladies _____
5. the car belonging to my boss _____
6. the opinions of my friends _____
7. the windshields of the buses _____
8. the stories of the witnesses _____
9. the roots of the oak tree _____
10. the applause of the crowd _____
11. the lawn mower belonging to Mr. Lopez _____
12. the class pet of the grade three students _____

B. Rewrite each of the following phrases, making the italicized possessive noun plural.

EXAMPLE: the *country's* laws *the countries' laws* _____

1. the *carpenter's* tools _____
2. the *man's* briefcase _____
3. the *goose's* nest _____
4. the *calf's* bawling _____
5. the *salmon's* spawning ground _____
6. the *potato's* eyes _____
8. the *major general's* medals _____
9. the *baby's* blankets _____
10. the *teacher's* message board _____
11. the *wife's* activities _____
12. the *mouse's* noise _____