

Beginner Possessive Pronouns



A noun or pronoun that is used to show ownership or possession is in the possessive case. The possessive answers the question “whose”

Example: *General Garcia's millions is deposited in American banks.*

The sign of possessive case is 's or ' (apostrophe and s or apostrophe)

How to form the Possessive Case

1. To form the possessive singular, add 's to the singular form of the noun.

Example: *I borrow Nemia's book.*

The teacher corrected the student's test paper.

Noted: The apostrophe and s is not used with nouns relating to inanimate things.

Example: *The leaves of the tree.*

The cover of the bed.

The apostrophe and s is used with the names of certain inanimate objects which have become idiomatic from common usage.

Example: *The earth's surface*

Sun's rays

2. To form the possessive plural of nouns ending in s, add ' only.

Example: *Girl's laughter*

Teacher's job

Note: If the plural form of the noun does not end in s add 's.

Example: *Men's*

Children's

3. Proper noun ending in s usually form the possessive case by adding 's after words of one syllable and the apostrophe only after words of more than one syllable.

Mr. Burn - Mr. Burn's

Mr. Tejada- Mr. Tejada's

Exception: If the proper name is followed by a word beginning with s, only the apostrophe is used.

Example: *Jose Ramos' sword*

Douglas' socks

4. In compound nouns the 's added to the end of the word.

Example: *Father – in – law's command. (singular)*

Fathers – in – law's command. (plural)