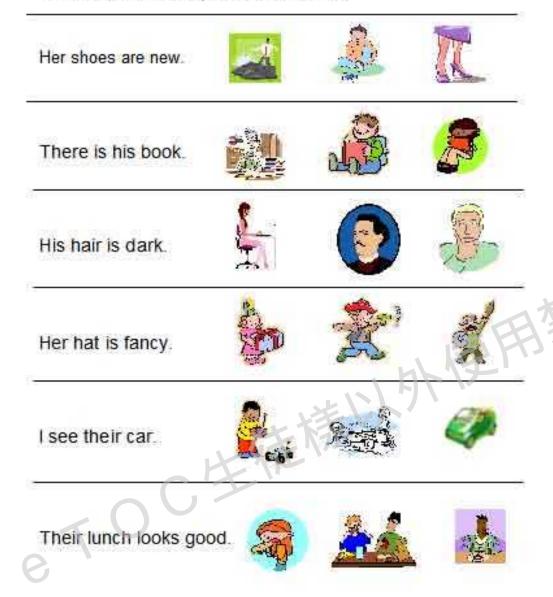
Directions: Circle the correct picture for each sentence:





Lesson7: English Teachers On Call

2. Possessive Case

A noun or pronoun that is used to show ownership or possession is inn the possessive case. The possessive answer 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 I 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 on a syllable.

Mr. Burns - Mr. Burn's Mr. Nicolas - Mr. Nicola'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) (plural) Fathers - in - law's command. Exercise 11 Write the possessive singular and plural form of each noun below. Singular Plural 1. sister-in-law 2. housekeeper 3. lady-in-waiting 4. bridesmaid 5. editor-in-chief 6. gentleman 7. common-law-wife 8. lioness 9. ox 10. Thomas Exercise 12 Fill in the blank with the possessive form of the noun at the left. In some sentences you will use the singular possessive and plural possessives in some sentences.

Countryman	1. My	problem is extreme poverty.
Jess	2. I heard that _	accident was his fault.
Baby	3. The	_ parents are both working abroad.
Mouse	4. All the	heads were cut off.
Bridegroom	5. Are you the _	best man at his wedding?
Marites	6. I read	name on the list of examinees.
Major general	7. My aunt	is the second wife.
Wife	8. The	bravery was awarded.
Soldier	9. The	_ bravery was awarded.
Ox	10. Several	feet were hurt.

Separate and Joint Ownership or Possession

If the two or more nouns are used together to indicate separate ownership-that is to show that each person possesses or owns something independently of the other-the 's is used after each noun. Example: Kevin's and Nick's books.

Kevin's and nick's books were lost in the library.

Vilma's and Coiline's dress are pink.

If two or more nouns are used together or joint ownership-that is to show that one thing is owned by the group jointly-the 's is used after the last noun.

Example: Kelly and Don's father is an architect.

The secretary and the treasurer's office is on the first

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floor.

Exercise 13

Indicate ownership or possession in the following sentences:

- 1. Gellen and Ariel children are both boys.
- 2. Chikito and Roberto store is known as Chip Mini Mart.
- 3. We visited Richard and Lucy house.
- 4. Cherry and Rina houses are near each other.
- 5. The police went to Mr. Lansing and Dr. Martino houses in Pusan.
- 6. Senator Drilon, Congressman Villar and Mayor Lim cars werestolen.
- 7. Father Neri and Father Guszman homily are both very long.
- 8. The singers sang both Chan and Cayabyab compositions.
- 9. Susan and her daughter bags leather.
- 10. Please call Miss Rio and Miss Gala drivers.

