

Possessive Pronouns

Picture Choices

Directions: Circle the correct picture for each sentence.

Her shoes are new.



There is his book.



His hair is dark.



Her hat is fancy.



I see their car.



Their lunch looks good.



Lesson 7 : English Teachers On Call

2. Possessive Case

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 Nemias book.

The teacher corrected the students 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: Girls laughter Teachers job

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

Example: Mens Childrens

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. Burns - Mr. Burns

Mr. Nicolas - Mr. Nicolas

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)

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 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.