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Possessive Nouns

Possessive nouns show who or what owns something. Singular nouns are made possessive by adding an apostrophe and then an s.

example: The boy's kite flew high in the sky.

Plural possessives are formed by adding an apostrophe after the s.


example: The girls' kite flew high in the sky.

When a plural noun does not end with an s, an apostrophe and then an s are added.

example: The men's truck was dirty.

Directions: Rewrite the underlined nouns in the sentences below to make them possessive.

1. The baby toy fell on the floor. _____

 In order to show ownership of an item, you must use a possessive noun or pronoun (e.g., my shoes, John's ball, the children's toys, etc). We will focus on plural and irregular possessives.

Questions for Students What is a possessive noun?
What is a plural possessive?
What is an irregular possessive?

Strategy If students are not familiar with the rules of possessive nouns, review these rules using the classroom grammar book and/or worksheet.

2. Students brainstorm to create a word wall of plural nouns. Review the possessive rules. Students take turns coming up to the wall to change one of the nouns to possessive form by adding an apostrophe correctly to each word. When all the words have been punctuated correctly, students work with a partner to write correctly punctuated sentences using 10 of the words.

Questions for Students How do you know where to put an apostrophe in a word?
When do you use 's and when do you only add the apostrophe?