GRAMMAR

Possessive nouns

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I can use an apostrophe to show who owns something.

1 The rule

A possessive noun shows who owns something. Add 's for one owner (the dog's bone). Add just ' to a plural that ends in s (the kids' ball).

The **dog's** bone is next to the **cats'** bowl.

2 Look and say



dog's
the dog's bone



bird's
the bird's nest



spider's
the spider's web



turtle's
the turtle's shell



Dad's
Dad's cap



teacher's
the teacher's books



kids'
the kids' ball



cats'
the cats' bowl

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

Name _____ Date _____

Does each possessive noun show one owner or more than one owner? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

boy's | dog's | teachers' | teacher's | frogs' | bird's | dogs' | Mom's | birds' | frog's | boys' | kids'

one owner	more than one

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Find it in a sentence

Name _____ Date _____

Read each sentence. Circle the possessive noun.

1. The cat's tail is long.
2. I found Noor's book.
3. The bird's nest is in the tree.
4. The kids' kites flew high.
5. My brother's bike is red.
6. The turtle's shell is hard.
7. The teacher's desk is neat.
8. The bees' hive is busy.

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Write it

Name _____ Date _____

Who owns it? Write the owner in ( ) with 's or '.

1.  (dog) the _____ bone

2.  (bird) the _____ nest

3.  (spider) the _____ web

4.  (Dad) _____ cap

5.  (kids) the _____ ball

6.  (cats) the _____ bowl

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: possessive nouns

1 Sort the words

one owner: dog's, bird's, Mom's, teacher's, boy's, frog's

more than one: dogs', birds', kids', teachers', boys', frogs'

2 Find it in a sentence

1. cat's 2. Noor's 3. bird's 4. kids' 5. brother's 6. turtle's 7. teacher's 8. bees'

3 Write it

1. dog's 2. bird's 3. spider's 4. Dad's 5. kids' 6. cats'

4 Teaching tip

Ask "Who owns it?" first. Write the owner, then decide: one owner gets 's; more than one owner ending in s gets just an apostrophe after the s.

Watch for: Putting an apostrophe in every plural, as in "two cat's". If nothing is owned, there is no apostrophe: two cats.

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