



POSSESSIVE 'S

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1. Regular Plurals vs. Irregular Plurals

Pay close attention to where the apostrophe goes when describing more than one person!

- Regular Plurals (Ends in -s): Just add the apostrophe AFTER the -s!
 - "The **teachers'** room." (The room for all teachers)
 - "My **parents'** house." (The house belonging to both parents)
- Irregular Plurals (No -s at the end): Add 's as normal!
 - "The children's toys." (Not childrens')
 - "The **men's** bathroom."

2. Place the Apostrophe Correctly

Insert the apostrophe in the correct position (before or after the **s**).

1. My friend **s** house is near the station. (One friend)
2. My friend **s** house is near the station. (Two friends)
3. The boy **s** football team won the match. (A team of boys)
4. The woman **s** bag was on the chair. (One woman)
5. The people **s** votes are important. (Many people)

3. Teacher's Error Clinic

Find and fix the 4 mistakes in these student sentences:

1. ✗ "This is the car of my father." (Make it sound natural with 's)
 →  _____
2. ✗ "My sister's live in London." (Is this possessive or plural?)
 →  _____
3. ✗ "Those are the childrens' books." →  _____
4. ✗ "He's coat is very warm." →  _____

4. Class Mingle Game: Whose Is It?

Look at the list below. Walk around the room and ask your classmates questions to find who owns these things!

- Find someone whose...
 1. ...phone screen is cracked. → "Is your phone screen cracked?"
 2. ...favorite color is green.
 3. ...car is white or silver.
 4. ...birthday is in July.

Teacher's Key

2. Place the Apostrophe Correctly

1. friend's,
2. friends',
3. boys',
4. woman's,
5. people's.

3. Teacher's Error Clinic

1. "This is my father's car." (natural English structure)
2. "My sisters live in London." (plural verb 'live' needs a plural subject, not a possessive)
3. "Those are the children's books." (irregular plural takes 's)
4. "His coat is very warm." (use possessive adjective 'his', not 'he's')