

POSSESSIVE 'S

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Grammar Intro

Add **'s** to a singular noun to show ownership (*Sarah's cat*). If a regular plural ends in **-s**, add only an apostrophe **'** (*the teachers' room*). For irregular plurals, add **'s** (*the children's toys*). Never use an apostrophe for possessive pronouns (*its*, *yours*, *theirs*).

1. Detect the Detective (Who owns what?)

Combine the person and the item using **'s** or **'** based on the clues.

1. (the detective / notebook) -> I found _____ on the desk.
2. (the suspects / cars) -> All _____ were parked outside.
3. (women / coats) -> Where did you put the _____?
4. (James / house) -> We are going to _____ tonight.
5. (my boss / office) -> The meeting is in _____.

2. Logic Decoder (Fix the mix-up)

Rewrite each sentence using **'s** or **'** to replace the bold phrase.

1. The hat **belonging to the chef** is white. -> _____
2. The toys **of the babies** are on the floor. -> _____
3. I borrow the car **belonging to my brother**. -> _____
4. The bags **of the travelers** are heavy. -> _____

3. Is it *Is* or *Possessive*?

Read each sentence. Write **[P]** if the **'s** means possession, or **[V]** if the **'s** means the verb *is*.

1. Maria's learning Spanish this semester. [___]
2. Maria's car is parked around the corner. [___]
3. My dog's tail is very fluffy. [___]
4. It's raining heavily outside right now. [___]
5. The doctor's clinic opens at 9 AM. [___]

4. Odd One Out

Circle the sentence in each pair that uses the apostrophe **INCORRECTLY**.

1. A) The dog's are barking in the garden.
   B) The dog's food bowl is empty.
2. A) My parents' house is near the beach.
   B) My parent's house is where both of them live. *(when talking about both parents)*
3. A) Look at its cute tail!
   B) Look at it's cute tail!

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Answer Key

1. Detect the Detective

1. the detective’s notebook
2. the suspects’ cars
3. women’s coats
4. James’s house *(or James’ house)*
5. my boss’s office *(or my boss’ office)*

2. Logic Decoder (Fix the mix-up)

1. The chef’s hat is white.
2. The babies’ toys are on the floor.
3. I borrow my brother’s car.
4. The travelers’ bags are heavy.

3. Is it *Is* or *Possessive*?

1. [V] *(is)*
2. [P] (possession)
3. [P] (possession)
4. [V] *(is)*
5. [P] (possession)

4. Odd One Out

1. A (should be plural "dogs", no apostrophe)
2. B (should be "parents'" for two parents)
3. B (should be "its" without apostrophe for possession)

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