

Possessive Nouns

Nouns that show ownership are called possessive nouns.

To form the possessive of a singular noun, add an apostrophe and an s (-'s).

Tom's bell, the author's book, society's values

To form the possessive of a plural noun, add only an apostrophe if the word ends in s.

the authors' books, the Nortons' home

If the plural of the noun does not end in s, add an apostrophe and an s ('s).

men's race, children's hour

- Write the possessive of the following nouns.

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| 1. woman _____ | 13. presidents _____ |
| 2. mice _____ | 14. scissors _____ |
| 3. horses _____ | 15. Schindler _____ |
| 4. girls _____ | 16. leaves _____ |
| 5. teacher _____ | 17. witnesses _____ |
| 6. umbrella _____ | 18. actress _____ |
| 7. princess _____ | 19. statue _____ |
| 8. home _____ | 20. pants _____ |
| 9. players _____ | 21. river _____ |
| 10. students _____ | 22. company _____ |
| 11. host _____ | 23. nurse _____ |
| 12. country _____ | 24. states _____ |

- Write a short paragraph describing some of your and your family's favorite possessions. Underline the possessive nouns.
