

Possessives

Generalization To form possessives of singular nouns, add an **apostrophe** and **s**: **family's**. To form possessives of plural nouns that end in **s**, add only an **apostrophe**: **families'**. Possessive pronouns are not formed with apostrophes: **its**.

Word Sort Sort the words according to the way the possessive is formed.

apostrophe and s

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

apostrophe

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

no apostrophe

15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Spelling Words

1. its
2. ours
3. mine
4. yours
5. family's
6. families'
7. man's
8. men's
9. girl's
10. girls'
11. hers
12. theirs
13. brother's
14. brothers'
15. teacher's
16. teachers'
17. aunt's
18. aunts'
19. boy's
20. boys'



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families'	man's	men's	girl's	girls'
hers	theirs	brother's	brothers'	teacher's
teachers'	aunt's	aunts'	boy's	boys'

Words in Context Complete each pair of sentences by writing the singular or plural possessive form of the word that is to the left of the sentences.

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| girl | 1. Both ____ coats were new. | 1. _____ |
| | 2. That ____ coat looks very warm. | 2. _____ |
| teacher | 3. I borrowed my ____ pen. | 3. _____ |
| | 4. The ____ workroom is off-limits to students. | 4. _____ |
| brother | 5. This is my oldest ____ room. | 5. _____ |
| | 6. These are my twin ____ rooms. | 6. _____ |
| family | 7. The party is at the Jackson ____ house. | 7. _____ |
| | 8. Their driveway is full of other ____ cars. | 8. _____ |
| aunt | 9. My favorite ____ dog follows her everywhere. | 9. _____ |
| | 10. My ____ husbands are my uncles. | 10. _____ |
| boy | 11. The little ____ toy sailboat drifted across the pond. | 11. _____ |
| | 12. The ____ baseball team plays this afternoon. | 12. _____ |

Word Meanings Write the list word that fits each meaning.

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| 13. belonging to that adult male | 13. _____ |
| 14. belonging to an adult female | 14. _____ |
| 15. belonging to us | 15. _____ |
| 16. belonging to an object | 16. _____ |
| 17. belonging to several adult males | 17. _____ |
| 18. belonging to me | 18. _____ |
| 19. belonging to the person spoken to | 19. _____ |
| 20. belonging to those people | 20. _____ |



Home Activity Your child wrote possessive nouns and pronouns. Have your child tell whether each possessive noun names one person or more than one person.

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Proofread a Newspaper Feature Proofread the article. Circle six misspelled words and a word with a capitalization error. Write the words correctly on the lines.

The Smith Family and It's Reunion

Today was the Smith family's reunion. Seven brothers' families grew to more than one Thousand people in 100 years. The families' cars were parked in a field. The



mens group made special T-shirts for the children. All the girl's shirts had flowers, and the boys' shirts were striped. Everyone laughed and asked, "Yours, ours, or their?" when they looked at the group pictures. The aunt's tent had fifty tables filled with a variety of food. When family members asked who made each dish, the women laughed, pointed at each other, and said, "It's hers." At the end of the day, everyone said, "That's enouf! I can't eat another thing!"

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | |

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Frequently Misspelled Words

friend's
enough

Possessives Add apostrophes to the underlined words. Write the possessives correctly on the lines.

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| 8. the <u>families</u> yards | 8. _____ |
| 9. my <u>teachers</u> desk | 9. _____ |
| 10. the <u>mans</u> hat | 10. _____ |
| 11. my <u>brothers</u> toothbrushes | 11. _____ |
| 12. the <u>girls</u> bicycle | 12. _____ |



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Letter Code Each symbol stands for a letter or an apostrophe. Decode the words and write them on the lines.

★ '	* c	○ g	✓ l	▲ o	❖ t
✕ a	* e	■ h	♣ m	▼ r	Ⓣ u
♣ b	● f	□ i	◇ n	◆ s	■ y

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| 1. ♣ ▲ ■ ★ ◆ | 1. _____ |
| 2. ❖ * ✕ * ■ * ▼ ◆ ★ | 2. _____ |
| 3. ● ✕ ♣ □ ✓ □ * ◆ ★ | 3. _____ |
| 4. ✕ Ⓣ ◇ ❖ ★ ◆ | 4. _____ |
| 5. ♣ * ◇ ★ ◆ | 5. _____ |
| 6. ○ □ ▼ ✓ ◆ ★ | 6. _____ |
| 7. ♣ ✕ ◇ ★ ◆ | 7. _____ |
| 8. ✕ Ⓣ ◇ ❖ ◆ ★ | 8. _____ |
| 9. ♣ ▲ ■ ◆ ★ | 9. _____ |
| 10. ♣ ▼ ▲ ❖ ■ * ▼ ★ ◆ | 10. _____ |

Hidden Words Cross out every other letter to reveal the hidden list word. Write the word. Begin each word by crossing out the first letter.

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| 11. x t b h l e q i c r y s l | 11. _____ |
| 12. a m o i z n p e w | 12. _____ |
| 13. t y e o m u g r f s e | 13. _____ |
| 14. o i p t u s l | 14. _____ |
| 15. g o v u b r i s e | 15. _____ |
| 16. c h m e d r n s w | 16. _____ |



Home Activity Your child has learned to read, write, and spell possessive words. Ask your child to tell whether each list word is a singular possessive or a plural possessive.