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Possessive Nouns: Learn and Practice

Show who owns something with an apostrophe

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Possessive Nouns

- A possessive noun shows who owns something.
- For one owner, add an apostrophe and s, like the dog's bone.
- For a plural that ends in s, add only an apostrophe, like the birds' nests.
- the cat's toy, the girls' team

1 The ball belongs to Tom. Which is correct?

A. Toms' ball B. Tom's ball C. Tom ball D. Toms ball

2 The toys belong to the children. Which is correct?

A. the childrens' toys B. the children toys C. the childrens toys D. the children's toys

3 Which word shows that Maya owns the hat?

A. Mayas' B. Maya's C. Maya D. Mayas

4 Which shows that the bone belongs to one dog?

A. the dog bones B. the dog's bone C. the dogs' bone D. the dogs bone

5 Many students share one room. Which is correct?

A. the students room B. the studentses room C. the student's room D. the students' room

6 Three cats each have a tail. Which is correct?

A. the cats tail's B. the cats' tails C. the cats's tails D. the cat's tails

7 Which mark shows ownership in the phrase teacher's desk?

A. an apostrophe B. a question mark C. a comma D. a period

8 Which phrase is possessive?

A. a bird sings B. two birds C. the birds fly D. the bird's nest

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for possessive nouns and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 ⚽ The ball belongs to Tom. Which is correct?

A. Toms' ball **B. Tom's ball** C. Tom ball
D. Toms ball

Tom is one person, so we write Tom's ball with an apostrophe and s.

2 🧸 The toys belong to the children. Which is correct?

A. the childrens' toys B. the children toys
C. the childrens toys **D. the children's toys**

Children is plural but does not end in s, so we add an apostrophe and s.

3 👒 Which word shows that Maya owns the hat?

A. Mayas' **B. Maya's** C. Maya D. Mayas

Maya is one person, so we add an apostrophe and s to show the hat is hers.

4 🦴 Which shows that the bone belongs to one dog?

A. the dog bones **B. the dog's bone**
C. the dogs' bone D. the dogs bone

For one owner, add an apostrophe and s. The dog's bone belongs to one dog.

5 🏫 Many students share one room. Which is correct?

A. the students room B. the studentses room
C. the student's room **D. the students' room**

Students is plural and ends in s, so we add only an apostrophe after the s.

6 🐈 Three cats each have a tail. Which is correct?

A. the cats tail's **B. the cats' tails**
C. the cats's tails D. the cat's tails

Cats is plural and ends in s, so the apostrophe goes after the s.

7 Which mark shows ownership in the phrase teacher's desk?

A. an apostrophe B. a question mark
C. a comma D. a period

The apostrophe before the s shows that the desk belongs to the teacher.

8 🪺 Which phrase is possessive?

A. a bird sings B. two birds C. the birds fly
D. the bird's nest

The bird's nest shows the nest belongs to the bird. The other phrases do not show ownership.