

POSSESSIVE NOUNS

- The possessive form of a noun shows ownership, possession, or the general relationship between two nouns.
- Add an apostrophe and –s to form the possessive of a singular noun, even one that already ends in s.
- Use an apostrophe alone to form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in s.

EXAMPLES

SINGULAR POSSESSIVE

the kitten's tail
her dress's collar
the wife's speech
the cookie's decoration
the story's villain

PLURAL POSSESSIVE

the kittens' tails
her dresses' collars
the wives' speeches
the cookies' decorations
the stories' villains

- Add an apostrophe and –s to form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in s.

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the oxen's stalls
the children's books
the women's trophies