

Singular Possessives

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Singular Noun Definition: When a noun means one only, it is said to be singular.

Examples: boy, girl, book, church, box

Possessive Case Definition: When a noun shows ownership or possession

To show ownership or possession of a singular noun, add an apostrophe (') and the letter s ('s)

Examples:

boy = boy's girl = girl's
bird = bird's mouse = mouse's

Exercise

Quickly list some of the nouns (things) YOU own. Now say your name before each of the things you own.

Examples:

Rachel's hairbrush Kathleen's pencil
Edward's ruler Geoffrey's truck

The coma that hangs up in the air is called an apostrophe. This shows that the noun owns something.

Exercise

Fill in the blanks below with YOUR name.

_____ 's shoes _____ 's coat
_____ 's book _____ 's pillow
_____ 's toy _____ 's socks

Did you notice the ***apostrophe s ('s)***?

Flashcards

Cut on solid lines and fold on the dotted lines.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Give an example of a singular possessive noun</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>girl's doll, boy's bat, dog's tail mouse's cheese, cat's purr, car's door, table's chair, Mike's cap, Alice's dress, father's keys, mother's chocolate</p>

Exercise

Verbally or write the possessive of each of the following nouns and tell what each possesses.

man _____	woman _____	king _____
teacher _____	father _____	Matthew _____
brother _____	cow _____	horse _____
mouse _____	Abigail _____	thief _____
ox _____	fox _____	church _____
driver _____	boatman _____	scholar _____
farmer _____	apple _____	week _____
Daniel _____	lion _____	fly _____
fire _____	desk _____	book _____

Exercise

Change the phrases to possessive nouns

Example:

the wings of the fly = fly's wings
the feathers of the bird = bird's feathers

the crying of the child _____

the trotting of the horse _____

the horn of the ox _____

the remark of the teacher _____

the growling of the dog _____

the singing of the girl _____

the socks of the boy _____

the sermon of the preacher _____

the phrase of Shakespeare _____

Exercise

Change these expressions to form the possessive case

Example: the wagon of the farm = the farmer's wagon

the horse of the rider _____

the tool of the blacksmith _____

the sweater of the child _____

the eye of the ox _____

the decision of the court _____

the chair of the barber _____

the wage of sin _____

the punishment of a thief _____

the partner of a brother _____

the wife of the husband _____

the crown of the king _____

the oven of the kitchen _____

the page of the book _____