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- A **possessive noun** names who or what owns something.
- A possessive noun is **singular** when it names one owner.
- A possessive noun can be **common** or **proper**.
- Add an apostrophe and -s to make a singular noun possessive, even when the noun ends in s.

Rewrite the noun in parentheses ( ) as a possessive noun.

1. The (zookeeper) job requires him to work on Saturdays. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The most popular attraction is the big (cat) area. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The (leopard) spots help to camouflage her in the wild. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The length of the (giraffe) neck allows him to reach his food. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The (hippopotamus) habitat has a pond. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We went to (Hallie) favorite place, the duck pond. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The (swan) wingspan was amazing to see. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The (pond) surface was covered with lily pads. \_\_\_\_\_
9. (James) laughter echoed through the reptile house. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The (walrus) tusks were about three feet long! \_\_\_\_\_

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- A possessive noun is **plural** when it names more than one owner.
- If a plural noun is regular and ends in -s, add an apostrophe to make it possessive.
- If a plural noun is irregular and does not end in -s, add an apostrophe and -s to make it possessive.

Write the plural possessive for each plural noun.

1. pandas \_\_\_\_\_
2. pythons \_\_\_\_\_
3. donkeys \_\_\_\_\_
4. geese \_\_\_\_\_
5. boxes \_\_\_\_\_
6. elk \_\_\_\_\_
7. parrots \_\_\_\_\_
8. horses \_\_\_\_\_
9. deer \_\_\_\_\_
10. ostriches \_\_\_\_\_
11. mice \_\_\_\_\_
12. goats \_\_\_\_\_
13. sharks \_\_\_\_\_
14. oxen \_\_\_\_\_
15. walruses \_\_\_\_\_
16. children \_\_\_\_\_
17. lions \_\_\_\_\_
18. sheep \_\_\_\_\_
19. frogs \_\_\_\_\_
20. men \_\_\_\_\_

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- Be careful not to confuse plural nouns with possessive nouns.
- Plural nouns do not use apostrophes. They are formed by adding -s or -es to a singular noun.
- Possessive nouns are formed by adding an apostrophe or an apostrophe and -s.

A. Label the following nouns as S for singular, SP for singular possessive, P for plural, or PP for plural possessive.

- building's \_\_\_\_\_
- cars \_\_\_\_\_
- area's \_\_\_\_\_
- base \_\_\_\_\_
- women's \_\_\_\_\_
- socks \_\_\_\_\_
- James's \_\_\_\_\_
- dress \_\_\_\_\_
- students \_\_\_\_\_
- hamsters' \_\_\_\_\_
- Brandon's \_\_\_\_\_
- hat's \_\_\_\_\_
- teeth \_\_\_\_\_
- children's \_\_\_\_\_
- cactus \_\_\_\_\_

B. Write the possessive form of each word in parentheses.

- Unfortunately, the (water) surface was rough and choppy. \_\_\_\_\_
- The (boat) captain warned the passengers to wear life jackets. \_\_\_\_\_
- The (passengers) life jackets were bright orange. \_\_\_\_\_
- Soon, however, (people) excitement showed in their faces. \_\_\_\_\_
- They could see (dolphins) fins across the water. \_\_\_\_\_

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Proofread each sentence. Rewrite it using the correct possessive or plural form of the nouns. Correct mistakes in capitalization and punctuation.

- the department stores elevator carries peoples to every floor  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the elevators buttons show that this store has four floor for customers shopping  
\_\_\_\_\_
- womens clothing areas are on the second and third floor's.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- you will find the mens suits on the first floor near the stores entrance?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the fourth floors Merchandise is mainly young childrens clothing and toy's.  
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Rewrite each group of words using a possessive noun.

1. the hands of the builder  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. the horns of three bison  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. the cries of those puppies  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. the colors of your sweater  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. the friends of Claire  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. the aromas of many soups  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. the whistle of the train  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. the decisions of the men  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. the feathers of our geese  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. the rivers of Mexico  
\_\_\_\_\_

