

# Plural Possessive Nouns

## Grammar

### RULES

A plural possessive noun is a plural noun that shows ownership.  
The president spoke about the members' needs.

When a plural noun ends in s, add an apostrophe ( ' ) to form the plural possessive noun.

members + ' = **members'**

When a plural noun does not end in s, add an apostrophe and s ('s) to form the plural possessive noun.

children + 's = **children's**

### Guided Practice

Name another way to say each phrase. Use the possessive form of the underlined noun.

**EXAMPLE:** the announcement of the boys the boys' announcement

1. the rules of the children \_\_\_\_\_
2. the discussion of the experts \_\_\_\_\_
3. the decision of the voters \_\_\_\_\_
4. the conference of the students \_\_\_\_\_
5. the members of the groups \_\_\_\_\_
6. the chairs of the secretaries \_\_\_\_\_
7. the ties of the gentlemen \_\_\_\_\_
8. the briefcases of the teachers \_\_\_\_\_
9. the keyboards of the computers \_\_\_\_\_
10. the seats of the guests \_\_\_\_\_

## More Practice

### A. Rewrite each group of words. Use the possessive form of the underlined noun.

11. the speeches of the leaders \_\_\_\_\_
12. the ideas of the women \_\_\_\_\_
13. the rights of the children \_\_\_\_\_
14. the votes of the committees \_\_\_\_\_
15. the plans of the judges \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Use the possessive form of the plural noun in parentheses ( ) to fill in each blank.

16. The students listened to the \_\_\_\_\_ plans. (candidates)
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ ideas were very clear. (citizens)
18. It was difficult to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ voices. (speakers)
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ reactions were exciting. (crowds)
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ choice will be known tomorrow. (voters)

### C. Replace the under-lined words with a possessive noun.

21. The comments of the men were very interesting. \_\_\_\_\_
22. The questions of the listeners were intelligent. \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose the complete subject.

23. The cheers of my classmates were loud. \_\_\_\_\_
24. The opinions of my peers were finally heard. \_\_\_\_\_
25. The jobs of the new leaders will begin next week. \_\_\_\_\_

