Possessive Nouns

What is a possessive noun?

   A possessive noun is a noun that shows possession. To identify that you are looking at a possessive, reorder the word some other way:

- The dog's bowl is empty?
- The bowl belonging to the dog is empty.
   - (Dog is possessive because it has something.)

   When a word ends in anything *other than the letter s*, you add 's to make it plural. When a word ends in the letter s (such as with most plural nouns), you only need to add an apostrophe.

- The birds' nests were all empty.
- The nests of the birds were all empty.

   In the following questions, use the word in brackets to complete the questions by applying the proper possessive.

1. (Quebec) _____ capital is Quebec City.
2. (James) _____ giant peach was skewered on the Empire State Building.
3. The (scissors) _____ blade was rusty.
4. The (juices) _____ flavors were grape, lemon, and orange.
5. The (men) _____ bathroom is closed.
6. The (People) _____ Choice award for Best Actor goes to…
7. The (cat) _____ nails were trimmed today.
8. The (students) _____ grades were all failing marks.
9. The (neighbors) _____ children are too loud!
10. The (violins) _____ melody was hauntingly beautiful.
11. (Owls) _____ eyes have very acute vision.
12. The (game) _____ final score was a tie.
13. The (books) _____ author won many awards.