

Possessive: Irregular Plural Nouns

The **children's books** are on the floor.

Missy and Patty are **women's names**.

That store sells **men's shoes**.

Those **people's houses** are big.



Irregular plural nouns (children, men, women, people) have an irregular plural possessive form. The apostrophe (') comes before the final -s.

GENERAL RULE:

If a plural noun ends in -s, add the apostrophe (') after the -s. If a plural noun does not end in -s, add an apostrophe (') and a final -s.

REGULAR PLURAL POSSESSIVE NOUN:
the students' books

IRREGULAR PLURAL POSSESSIVE NOUN:
he women's books

EXERCISE: Complete the sentences by using the correct possessive form of the nouns in parentheses.

- (children) Example: There are some **children's** books in this library.
1. (girl) Sofia is a _____ name.
 2. (girls) Susan and Patsy are _____ names.
 3. (women) Sonia and Roberta are _____ names.
 4. (aunt) I am living at my _____ house.
 5. (person) That _____ job is in Argentina.
 6. (people) Those _____ jobs are in Argentina.
 7. (sister) Do you know my _____ boyfriend?
 8. (sisters) Do you know my _____ boyfriends?
 9. (wife) My _____ name is Gloria.
 10. (cat) My _____ name is Fluffy
 11. (cats) My _____ names are Fluffy and Cleo.
 12. (men) Are Tommy and Bobby _____ names?
 13. (children) Our _____ park is far from our house.
 14. (man, woman) Chris can be a _____ nickname or a _____ nickname.