

Possessive Nouns

Possessive Nouns show possession or ownership

The **apostrophe (')** is used when writing possessive nouns. However, when doing so, the **following rules** must be followed:

1. To show possession of a **singular noun**, write the noun which indicates the owner, then add **('s)**. E.g. the **man's** car.
2. If the **plural noun does not end with (s)**, add **('s)** as in the case of singular nouns.
3. If **plural nouns end with (s)**, write the apostrophe **after the (s')**

E.g. the **girls'** bathroom

Complete the sentences below by putting in the possessive form of the nouns in brackets.

1. The _____ leg was broken in the accident. (cyclist)
2. The _____ meeting was held in the boardroom. (directors)
3. Our _____ welfare should always come first. (country)
4. The _____ tail is approximately fifteen centimetres long. (mouse)
5. The _____ diaper needs changing. (baby)
6. The taxi driver did not adhere to the _____ signal. (policeman)

7. The _____ classroom is very untidy. (children)

8. The pharmacy has large stocks of _____ medicines. (babies)

9. A handbag containing jewellery was stolen from the _____ car. (lady)

10. The _____ family lives in the house up on the hill. (Morris)

Rewrite the following phrases in the **possessive form**. Remember to follow the rules above.

E.g. a club for girls

a girls' club

11. a room for a princess.

12. ties for men

13. a truck for the company

14. a toy for a child

15. the leg of the man
