

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. _____

