

Possessive Nouns

A **possessive noun** names who or what owns or has something. The possessive of a singular noun is formed by adding -'s. The possessive of a plural noun that ends in s is formed by adding -s'. The possessive of a plural noun that does not end in s, such as *men*, is formed by adding -'s.

singular possessive noun

That is my mother's flute.

plural possessive noun that ends in s

Our friends' classes are on the other side of the stage.

plural possessive noun that does not end in s

The men's dressing room is downstairs.



➤ Write the possessive form of the noun in parentheses.

1. I wonder how many of these drawings are (Maria). _____
2. The (play) third act lasts one hour. _____
3. Our (groups) entry in the art contest came in second. _____
4. Their (families) home is in a forest. _____
5. His (father) music choices were surprising. _____

➤ Rewrite each group of words using a possessive noun.

6. the opening act of the ladies _____
7. the drawings of the children _____
8. the gift shop of the museum _____
9. the collar of the costume _____
10. the notes of the director _____

Plural or Possessive? Don't panic! Possessive nouns are followed by another noun.

My teacher's hair was all ruffled this morning.
possessive noun noun

If it's a plural noun, it won't have an apostrophe (it doesn't need it) and it won't be followed by another noun.

The teachers at school drink lots of coffee.
plural noun

➤ Write the correct form of the underlined possessive or plural noun.

1. The fans cheers were heard throughout the auditorium. _____
2. We have three band practice rooms' in our school. _____
3. The orchestras director is a woman. _____
4. Both play's staging was creative. _____
5. The parent's section of the audience was filled. _____
6. After the game, the players went to their bus's. _____
7. Her mothers' sculptures are beautiful. _____
8. Julies best writing is done at night when it is quiet. _____
9. The performer's were relieved that everything went well. _____
10. The actor's and musicians enjoyed the evening. _____

