

Singular Possessive Nouns

Some forms of nouns show that a person or thing owns something. Read the following sentence.

■ **The lightning rod was this man's invention.**

The word *man's* is a possessive noun. It shows that the man owns the invention.

Now read these sentences.

I Benjamin Franklin's many talents amazed people.

At age twelve, Benjamin went to work in James's print shop.

The words Benjamin Franklin's and James's are possessive nouns. Each names one person. An apostrophe ('') and s was added to Benjamin Franklin and James to show ownership.

Summary ♦ A possessive noun shows ownership. To form the possessive of a singular noun when you write, add an apostrophe and s ('s) to the singular noun.

Guided Practice Spell the possessive form of each singular noun.

1. woman _____

2. Martha _____

3. George _____

4. puppy _____

5. England _____

6. horse _____

7. colonist _____

8. Dr. Williams _____

9. Freeport _____

10. boy _____