

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_