

# Possessive: Irregular Plural Nouns

The **children's books** are on the floor.

Missy and Patty are **women's names**.

That store sells **men's shoes**.

Those **people's houses** are big.



Irregular plural nouns (children, men, women, people) have an irregular plural possessive form. The apostrophe (') comes before the final -s.

## GENERAL RULE:

If a plural noun ends in -s, add the apostrophe (') after the -s. If a plural noun does not end in -s, add an apostrophe (') and a final -s.

REGULAR PLURAL POSSESSIVE NOUN:  
**the students' books**

IRREGULAR PLURAL POSSESSIVE NOUN:  
**he women's books**

**EXERCISE:** Complete the sentences by using the correct possessive form of the nouns in parentheses.

- (children) Example: There are some **children's** books in this library.
- (girl) Sofia is a \_\_\_\_\_ name.
  - (girls) Susan and Patsy are \_\_\_\_\_ names.
  - (women) Sonia and Roberta are \_\_\_\_\_ names.
  - (aunt) I am living at my \_\_\_\_\_ house.
  - (person) That \_\_\_\_\_ job is in Argentina.
  - (people) Those \_\_\_\_\_ jobs are in Argentina.
  - (sister) Do you know my \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriend?
  - (sisters) Do you know my \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriends?
  - (wife) My \_\_\_\_\_ name is Gloria.
  - (cat) My \_\_\_\_\_ name is Fluffy
  - (cats) My \_\_\_\_\_ names are Fluffy and Cleo.
  - (men) Are Tommy and Bobby \_\_\_\_\_ names?
  - (children) Our \_\_\_\_\_ park is far from our house.
  - (man, woman) Chris can be a \_\_\_\_\_ nickname or a \_\_\_\_\_ nickname.