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. _____