

PLURALS AND POSSESSIVES

Use an apostrophe:

- 2 to show possession → “John’s car” or “the chair’s leg.”
- 3 when letters or numbers have been omitted → “can’t” or “’98”
- 4 BUT NEVER with a possessive pronoun → ours, yours, his, hers etc.

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- 1) decide if the noun is plural or singular
- 2) if it is plural add the “s,” “es,” or change the form of the word as is appropriate
i.e. ball → balls There are the balls
waltz → waltzes Do you know many waltzes?
woman → women Most women are very intelligent.
now you have the root word
- 3) decide if it’s possessive or not
- 4) if it is possessive, add an apostrophe
- 5) add an “s” unless it already ends in “s”
i.e. ball → ball’s That is the ball’s clearest stripe
balls → balls’ That is all the balls’ closet.
waltz → waltz’s That is the waltz’s easiest step
waltzes → waltzes’ That is all the waltzes’ best moment
woman → woman’s There are the woman’s shoes
women → women’s There are the women’s shoes

Fill in the blanks:

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| 1. That's the _____ toy. | Puppy | Singular possessive |
| 2. The _____ leaves are beautiful | Tree | Plural possessive |
| 3. That's _____ checkbook. | Mike | Singular possessive |
| 4. That is the _____ bone. | Dog | Singular possessive |
| 5. Yeah! It's _____ car. | Tom | Singular possessive |
| 6. That is in _____ house. | Brenda | Singular possessive |
| 7. Here's the picture of the _____ condo in Florida. | Davis | Plural possessive |
| 8. After the game, the players went to _____ party. | James | Singular possessive |
| 9. That's _____ house. | John | Singular possessive |
| 10. That is the _____ dog. | Smith | Plural possessive |
| 11. That is the _____ house. | Booth | Plural possessive |
| 12. Is that _____ diary? | Raina | Singular possessive |
| 13. Does that book belong in the _____ room? | Child | Singular possessive |
| 14. That's the _____ peel. | Banana | Singular possessive |
| 15. That is the _____ bed. | Deer | Plural possessive |
| 16. The _____ team won the game. | Men | Plural possessive |

Correct the errors:

Darlene called Sam. She had found Pedros computers power supply under her bureau. Barb wanted us to come over and take it out. In the end, they moved both power supply’s under Darlenes bureau since they had to move the bureau anyway. She and her roommate had let Pedro keep his computer on their bureau for three months. One might conclude that her roommate and she were campaigning for friend of the year. Horace said that Pedros actions really took advantage of both of the girls.