



## Singular Possessives

To form the possessive of a singular noun, simply add an apostrophe (') and s. the

monkey's paw = the paw of the monkey

Don't worry if the singular form of the noun already ends in s; to make the noun possessive, add the letter "s."

the waitress's smile = the smile of the waitress

the fortress's walls = the walls of the fortress

Mr. Jones's alligator = the alligator of Mr. Jones

## Plural Possessives

To form the plural possessive of a noun, first form the plural; if the plural ends in s, merely add an apostrophe after the s.

Singular	Plural	Ending	Add	Plural Possessive
boy	boys	s	'	boys'
boss	bosses	s	'	bosses'
country	countries	s	'	countries'
church	churches	s	'	churches'

the boys' bikes = the bikes of more than one boy

the bosses' limousines = the limousines of more than one boss

the countries' treaty = the treaty of more than one country

the churches' steeples = the steeples of more than one church

If the plural DOESN'T end in s, add an apostrophe and s to form the plural possessive.

Singular	Plural	Ending	Add	Plural Possessive
man	men	not s	's	men's
women	women	not s	's	women's
child	children	not s	's	children's

the men's parachutes = the parachutes of more than one man

the women's portfolios = the portfolios of more than one woman

the children's pizza = the pizza of more than one child