

Lesson 19

Possessive Nouns

Possessive nouns show ownership. They are formed with an apostrophe and the letter *s* ('s) or with only an apostrophe.

The possessive form of a noun shows ownership.

James's boots

the ocean's waves

the hornets' nest

Study the chart to learn how to form possessive nouns.

Rules for Possessive Nouns	Examples
1. Add 's to form the possessive of most singular nouns.	Alice's courage the class's desks
2. Add only an apostrophe to form the possessive of plural nouns ending in s.	five whales' spouts the knives' edges
3. Add 's to form the possessive of plural nouns that do not end in s.	the children's room two deer's tracks

Exercise A

Write the singular possessive, plural, and plural possessive forms of each noun on the line provided.

Example: woman

Answer: woman's, women, women's

1. man _____
2. dress _____
3. hero _____
4. fly _____
5. fox _____
6. ox _____
7. girl _____
8. thief _____
9. deer _____
10. boy _____
11. Smith _____
12. mouse _____
13. baby _____

14. roof _____

15. wolf _____

Exercise B

Correct the mistakes with possessive nouns in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence on the line provided.

1. We borrowed the Glickmans boat and fishing lines.

2. We bought ice and fuel at the wharfs edge.

3. The ferrys captain waved to us.

4. The charts and books were in Lisas backpack.

5. She pointed out a buoys dancing shape.

6. Several cliffs shadows darkened the waters.

7. Rosss job was to take care of two boxes.

8. Sams mind was on the food they contained.

9. The childrens requests for food became louder.

10. How funny the two boys smiles were as they opened the boxes!
