
POSSESSIVE NOUNS

THE NOUN + APOSTROPHE 'S' THING.

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POSSESSIVE NOUNS INDICATE POSSESSION OR OWNERSHIP.

That means that they help indicate when something belongs to someone.

For example: I am the **girl's** bear

Noun + ' + S



THERE ARE 5 VERY SIMPLE RULES:

- **POSSESSIVE NOUNS** are super important when we speak English.
- In Spanish we say: ‘The house of my mother’ to indicate that the house belongs to my mother.
- But in English it is not used and can sound strange.

RULE #1: SINGULAR NOUNS.

- In singular nouns (person, place, thing or idea), we add apostrophe and 's' after the noun.
 - Example: Ana □ Ana's
 - Ana's car is in the garage.

RULE #2: SINGULAR NOUNS ENDING WITH 'S'

- In singular nouns ending with S you can add ' + S or add an apostrophe after the S.
 - Example: Carlos □ Carlos's** or Carlos'
 - **Carlos's room is very big.
 - **In this case the pronunciation changes, making emphasis on a double S sound (es)

RULE #3: PLURAL NOUNS.

- In plural nouns just add an apostrophe at the end of the word.
 - Example: Horses □ Horses'
 - The horses' tails are very long.

RULE #4: IRREGULAR PLURAL NOUNS.

- In irregular nouns, it is correct to add an apostrophe + S at the end.
 - Example: Children □ Children's
 - The children's teacher is sick.

RULE #5: MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP.

- **A) Shared ownership: When two or more nouns share possession.**
- **B) When multiple nouns DO NOT share ownership.**
 - **Examples:**
 - **A) Mark and Bill's mother is Mary.**
 - **B) Lucy's and Ricky's rooms are on different floors.**

AND REMEMBER: THE OBJECT ALWAYS GOES AFTER THE POSSESSIVE NOUN!

- Now practice writing some sentences with the following nouns, using possessives and following the rules:
 - a) Tommy
 - b) The Cats
 - c) Women
 - d) Erick and Mark
 - e) Andres
 - f) The Students