

HOW TO MAKE SINGULAR NOUNS AND PLURAL NOUNS POSSESSIVE IN ENGLISH

SINGULAR NOUNS: MAKE THEM POSSESSIVE

Examples: a) My friend has a car.	<u>SINGULAR</u>	<u>POSSESSIVE</u>
My friend's car is red.	FRIEND	FRIEND'S
b) The student has a book.		
The student's book is blue.	STUDENT	STUDENT'S

RULE: To show that a person possesses (owns) something, add an apostrophe (') and s to a singular noun.

HOW TO MAKE A PLURAL NOUN POSSESSIVE:

Examples: a) The students have books.	<u>PLURAL</u>	<u>POSSESSIVE</u>
The students' books are blue.	STUDENTS	STUDENTS'
b) My friends have a car.		
My friends' car is red.	FRIENDS	FRIENDS'

Now let's (let us) practice!

I. ADD APOSTROPHES to the POSSESSIVE NOUNS. Make sure to insert it in the right place.

1. Jims last name is Smith. Jim's
2. Bobs cat likes to sleep on the sofa. Bob's
3. My teachers names are Ms. Rice and Mr. Molina. teacher's
4. My mothers first name is Maria. mother's
5. My parents telephone number is 657-8229. parent's
6. My Uncle Joe is my fathers brother. father's
7. Sandra is a girls name. girl's
8. Do you like Toms shirt? Tom's
9. Do you know Anitas brother? Anita's
10. How long is an elephants trunk? elephant's

II. Complete the sentences. Use your classmates' or friends' names.

1. _____ hair is long and straight.
2. _____ grammar book is on her desk.
3. _____ last name is _____.
4. I don't know _____ address.
5. _____ eyes are brown.
6. _____ shirt is blue.
7. _____ briefcase is on the floor.
8. I need to borrow _____ dictionary.
9. Do you like _____ mustache?
10. Do you know _____ wife?

(Answers will vary)

III. Complete the sentences. Don't forget to use apostrophes!

1. My **_wife's or husband's** _____ brother is my brother-in-law.
2. My **_father's** _____ brother is my uncle.
3. My **__mother's or father's** _____ mother is my grandmother.
4. My **_sister's or brother's** _____ children are my nieces and nephews.
5. My **_aunt's or uncle's** _____ sister is my mother.
6. My **_husband's or wife's** _____ mother is my mother-in law.
7. My **__husband's or wife's** _____ sister is my sister-in law.
8. My **__mother's** and **__father's** _____ parents are my grandparents.
9. My niece is my **__sister's or brother's** _____ daughter.
10. My nephew is my **__sister's or brother's** _____ son.

GOOD JOB!! Hopefully you are now an expert on possessive nouns!!