

THE POSSESSIVE OF NOUNS (I)

The apostrophe is used with nouns to show possession or ownership. The possessive form of a singular noun is usually made by adding an apostrophe and s ('s).

Nancy--Nancy's coat boy--boy's bicycle.

The possessive of plural nouns is formed by adding an apostrophe and s ('s). However, if the plural noun ends in s, add only the apostrophe to form the possessive.

women--women's dresses drivers--drivers' licenses
children--children's hats animals--animals' paws

Using Apostrophes Correctly: For each of the following sentences, write the correct possessive form of the underlined noun (on your own paper).

EXAMPLE: The firemen uniforms were all soaked. firemen's

1. The children playroom was in a shambles.
2. The doctor release said I could go home.
3. The two doctors opinions differed.
4. The manager office is at the top of the stairs.
5. Sally shoes were missing from her locker.
6. The salesman briefcase is under his desk.
7. The salesmen meeting has been cancelled.
8. The teachers lounge has old, comfortable furniture.
9. The principal office is furnished much more formally.
10. My typewriter ribbon is worn out.
11. The cheerleaders pompons were left on the bus.
12. All of the team members trophies were put in the display case.
13. The cafeteria floor has been washed.
14. The men locker room is downstairs.
15. The woman purse is open.
16. The girls locker room is smaller than ours.
17. The lion cage is too small for him to exercise.
18. They threw food into the lions cages.
19. My sister art project is due tomorrow.
20. The lamp bulb just burned out.