

Possessive Apostrophes

A possessive apostrophe shows that a noun has ownership (or possession) of a person, object, idea, or quality.

If the word is a(n):	Add:	Example:
Singular noun	's	girl s, John's, baby's
Singular noun ending in -s	's <i>or</i> ' Usage varies; 's is preferred, but using ' is acceptable for multi-syllable words.	Zeus's, Gus's, boss's <i>or</i> Carlos', Arkansas'
Plural noun ending in -s	'	mothers', babies', bosses'
Plural noun not ending in -s	's	children's, mice's, geese's

Indefinite pronoun

Activity

Correct the statements below by adding apostrophes (if they are needed).

1. **Sarahs** new car is a hybrid.
2. Pete has two dogs. The **dogs** toys are in the backyard.
3. The **ducks** flying pattern was beautiful.
4. **Nate and Jackies** wedding is on Saturday.
5. The **childrens** books are in the classroom.
6. That **babys** name is Claire.
7. My **sisters-in-law** house