

A2

NOUNS/PLURALS

≈ 27 MIN

Possessive 's — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the apostrophe in, brick by brick. New examples, same owner question.

One owner → 's · plural in -s → only ' · irregular plural → 's again

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YOUR BUILD

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BRICK 1 · SORT THE APOSTROPHE · APPROX. 4 MIN

Read each phrase quietly. One owner or an irregular plural → write it with 's in the left column. Regular plural in s → write it with ' in the right column. Find the owner first and check its form!

my sister's desk

the twins' bedroom

Mr Smith's email

the students' books

the men's jackets

our neighbours' garden

our cat's basket

my colleagues' ideas

the women's meeting

the girls' bikes

OWNER + 'S	PLURAL IN -S + '

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE POSSESSIVE FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN

Fill in the matching possessive form. Find the owner first and check its form: singular, regular plural, or irregular? For a thing as owner: **its** with no apostrophe.

- 01 Tom has a new phone. _____ ringtone is very loud.
- 02 My sisters share a flat near the office. _____ flat has a small balcony.
- 03 Several women lead the project. _____ ideas shaped the new strategy.
- 04 The office dog is very friendly. _____ bed sits next to the coffee machine.
- 05 _____ meeting moved to Friday afternoon.
- 06 The start-up updates _____ website every month.
- 07 A customer called twice this morning. _____ number is in the log.
- 08 Both managers approved the budget. _____ signatures are on page two.

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence hides exactly one mistake with the possessive. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 Peters desk is always perfectly tidy.

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02 The students's laptops are on the tables.

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03 The mens' locker room is on the ground floor.

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04 The team is proud of it's results.

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05 I borrowed the bike of my colleague.

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06 My colleague idea won the pitch.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt. Check the form of every owner first, then place the apostrophe and s in the right spot.

01 Your office: "My ...s desk is ..." — describe where a colleague sits.

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02 Your family: "My grandparents' ..." — something that belongs to your grandparents.

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03 Your day: "Today's ..." — an appointment or task from today.

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04 Your team: "Our team's ..." — something your team uses or decides.

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MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ With one owner I add apostrophe plus s: "Anna's desk."
- ☐ After a regular plural in s I add only the apostrophe: "the twins' room."
- ☐ With an irregular plural I add 's again: "the women's team."
- ☐ I tell its (possession, no apostrophe) and it's (it is/it has) apart — and for parts of things I often use the of-phrase.

Not every box ticked? Review the lesson briefly and try this sheet again tomorrow.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| <p>01 my sister's desk
<i>One owner (the sister) → apostrophe plus s.</i></p> <p>02 the twins' bedroom
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> <p>03 Mr Smith's email
<i>One name, one owner → 's.</i></p> <p>04 the students' books
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> <p>05 the men's jackets
<i>Irregular plural without s → 's again.</i></p> | <p>06 our neighbours' garden
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> <p>07 our cat's basket
<i>An animal as a single owner takes 's too.</i></p> <p>08 my colleagues' ideas
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> <p>09 the women's meeting
<i>Irregular plural without s → 's again.</i></p> <p>10 the girls' bikes
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> |
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BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| <p>01 Tom's ringtone
<i>One owner (a name) → apostrophe plus s.</i></p> <p>02 My sisters' flat
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> <p>03 The women's ideas
<i>Irregular plural without s → 's.</i></p> <p>04 The dog's bed
<i>An animal as a single owner → 's.</i></p> | <p>05 Tuesday's meeting
<i>Time expressions take possessive 's.</i></p> <p>06 its website
<i>Possessive word for things with no apostrophe — it's would mean it is.</i></p> <p>07 The customer's number
<i>One owner → apostrophe plus s.</i></p> <p>08 The managers' signatures
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> |
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BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| <p>01 Peter's desk is always perfectly tidy.
<i>One owner needs apostrophe plus s — unlike the German genitive.</i></p> <p>02 The students' laptops are on the tables.
<i>After plural s, only the apostrophe follows, no second s.</i></p> <p>03 The men's locker room is on the ground floor.
<i>An irregular plural without s takes 's.</i></p> | <p>04 The team is proud of its results.
<i>its = possession with no apostrophe; it's stands for it is or it has.</i></p> <p>05 I borrowed my colleague's bike.
<i>With people, possessive 's is more natural than the of-phrase.</i></p> <p>06 My colleague's idea won the pitch.
<i>One owner → apostrophe plus s.</i></p> |
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BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that the apostrophe matches the form of the owner.

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| <p>01 "My colleague's desk is next to the window."
<i>One owner → apostrophe plus s.</i></p> <p>02 "My grandparents' house is by the sea."
<i>Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.</i></p> | <p>03 "Today's workshop starts at nine."
<i>Time expressions take possessive 's.</i></p> <p>04 "Our team's decision made the client happy."
<i>The team is a single owner → 's.</i></p> |
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