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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 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

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.

02 The students's laptops are on the tables.

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

04 The team is proud of it's results.

05 I borrowed the bike of my colleague.

06 My colleague idea won the pitch.

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.

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

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

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

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

01 my **sister's** desk
One owner (the sister) → apostrophe plus s.

02 the **twins'** bedroom
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

03 **Mr Smith's** email
One name, one owner → 's.

04 the **students'** books
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

05 the **men's** jackets
Irregular plural without s → 's again.

06 our **neighbours'** garden
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

07 our **cat's** basket
An animal as a single owner takes 's too.

08 my **colleagues'** ideas
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

09 the **women's** meeting
Irregular plural without s → 's again.

10 the **girls'** bikes
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **Tom's** ringtone
One owner (a name) → apostrophe plus s.

02 **My sisters'** flat
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

03 **The women's** ideas
Irregular plural without s → 's.

04 **The dog's** bed
An animal as a single owner → 's.

05 **Tuesday's** meeting
Time expressions take possessive 's.

06 **its** website
Possessive word for things with no apostrophe — it's would mean it is.

07 **The customer's** number
One owner → apostrophe plus s.

08 **The managers'** signatures
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **Peter's** desk is always perfectly tidy.
One owner needs apostrophe plus s — unlike the German genitive.

02 The **students'** laptops are on the tables.
After plural s, only the apostrophe follows, no second s.

03 The **men's** locker room is on the ground floor.
An irregular plural without s takes 's.

04 The team is proud of **its** results.
its = possession with no apostrophe; it's stands for it is or it has.

05 I borrowed **my colleague's bike**.
With people, possessive 's is more natural than the of-phrase.

06 **My colleague's** idea won the pitch.
One owner → apostrophe plus s.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

01 "My **colleague's** desk is next to the window."
One owner → apostrophe plus s.

02 "My **grandparents'** house is by the sea."
Regular plural in s → only the apostrophe.

03 "**Today's** workshop starts at nine."
Time expressions take possessive 's.

04 "Our **team's** decision made the client happy."
The team is a single owner → 's.

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