Plural possessive apostrophes with plural words



This week, we are going to look at the tricky concept of adding plural possessive apostrophes.

We use plural possessive apostrophes when we are talking about things that belong to more than one noun.



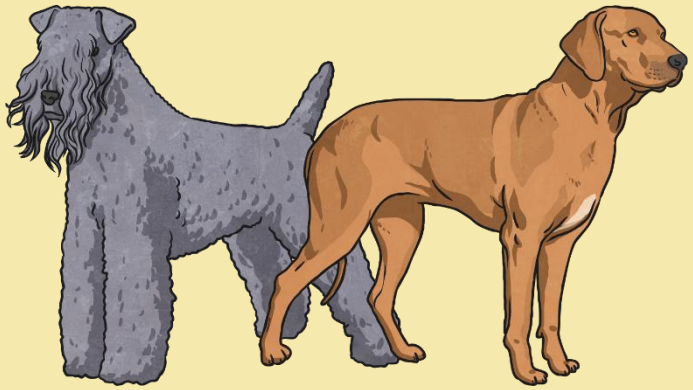
For example, if you were talking about the fur belonging to these dogs, you would write...



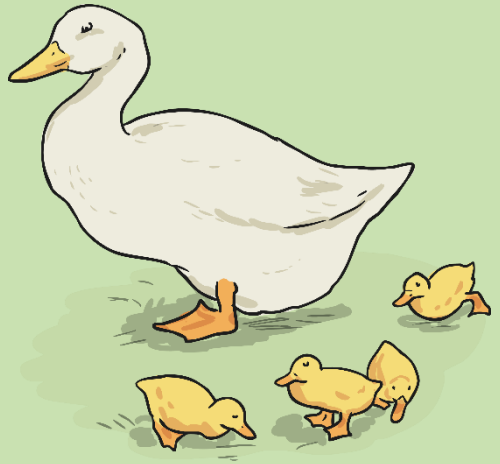
the dogs' fur

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Usually, when a plural noun ends in an ‘s’, we just add the possessive apostrophe after it, e.g.



the dogs’ fur



the ducklings’ mother

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Showing Possession

Plural nouns can be spelt using a variety of different letter endings. As long as the noun ends with an ‘s’, we still show an apostrophe of possession using an apostrophe without an ‘s’ after it.





The **ponies’** diet is mostly grass.

Next

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Let's practise using some plural possessive apostrophe spellings in sentences.

Working with a partner, write a plural possessive apostrophe sentence about something that belongs to these babies.



For example: The babies' hair was growing thicker.

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Let's practise using some plural possessive apostrophe spellings in sentences.

Working with a partner, write a plural possessive apostrophe sentence about something that belongs to these teachers.



For example: The teachers' meeting lasted two hours.

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The exception to the rule is when the plural noun is irregular and doesn't end in an 's'. For example:



the men's robes



the people's wish

Usually, when a plural noun doesn't end in an 's', we add the possessive apostrophe at the end of the word and add an 's'.

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Let's practise using some plural possessive apostrophe spellings in sentences.

Working with a partner, write a plural possessive apostrophe sentence about something that belongs to these mice.



For example: The mice's whiskers were covered in cheese.

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Let's practise using some plural possessive apostrophe spellings in sentences.

Working with a partner, write a plural possessive apostrophe sentence about something that belongs to these children.

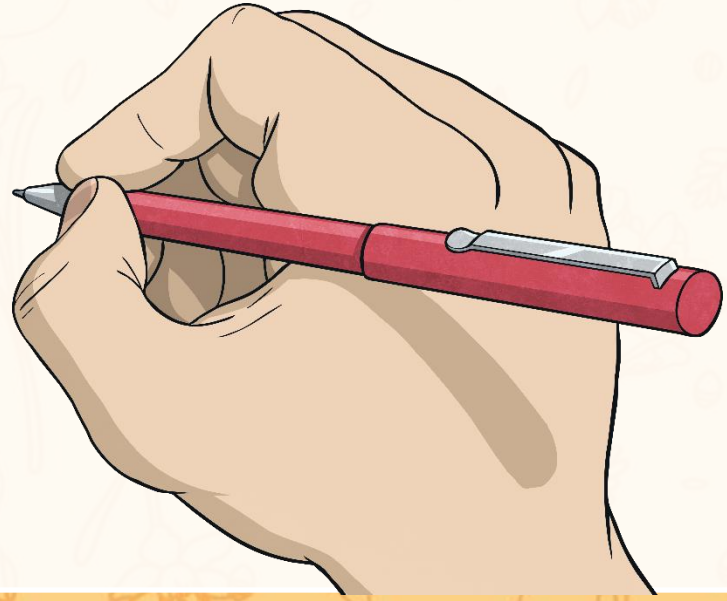


For example: The children's experiments were successful.

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Here are your spelling words for this week.

Work hard to remember the rule about adding plural possessive apostrophes.



Week 6

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girls'

boys'

babies'

parents'

teachers'

women's

men's

children's

people's

mice's

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