Possessives

The possessive 's' is used to show ownership or possession. It is added to a noun to indicate that something belongs to that noun.

Singular Nouns: For singular nouns, we add **'s** to the end of the noun.
Example: The girl's hat is blue. (The hat belongs to the girl.)

Plural Nouns: For plural nouns, if the noun already ends in 's', we add only an apostrophe (').
Example: The cats' toys are in the basket. (The toys belong to the cats.)

For **plural nouns that do not end in 's'**, we add **'s** to the end of the noun.
Example: The children's books are on the shelf. (The books belong to the children.)

Nouns ending in 's': For nouns that end in 's' but are singular, we add an apostrophe (') after the 's'.
Example: James' car is in the parking lot. (The car belongs to James.)

Possessive adjectives are used to indicate ownership or possession of something.

- **My** - It indicates possession by the speaker. For example, "This is my car."
- **Your** - It indicates possession by the person or people being spoken to. For example, "Is this your bag?"
- **His** - It indicates possession by a male singular person. For example, "I like his new haircut."
- **Her** - It indicates possession by a female singular person. For example, "She loves her job."
- **Its** - It indicates possession by a non-living object or animal. For example, "The dog wagged its tail."
- **Our** - It indicates possession by a group of people including the speaker. For example, "Our team won the championship."
- **Their** - It indicates possession by a group of people not including the speaker. For example, "They brought their own food."

Remember!
Possessive adjectives are used before a noun to show who possesses or owns the object.



Possessives exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1.The cat is playing with _____ tail.
a) it's
b) its
c) its'
d) it

2. This is _____ book.
a) John's
b) Johns's
c) John
d) John'

3. Can you pass me _____ bag?
a) you's
b) your
c) yours
d) you

4. They are going to visit _____ grandparents.
a) their
b) theirs
c) them
d) they's

5.I can't find _____ keys.
a) mine
b) my
c) me
d) I's

6. The dog wagged _____ tail.
a) its'
b) its
c) it's
d) it

7. Mark's sister is a doctor. _____ profession is admirable.
a) Her
b) Hers
c) She
d) She's

8. The birds built _____ nest on the tree.
a) their's
b) their
c) them
d) they

9. Please keep _____ voice down.
a) you
b) you's
c) yours
d) your

10. The students handed in _____ assignments.
a) their
b) theirs
c) them
d) they

Possessives exercise 2:

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the possessive 's'.

1. Sarah__ dog

2. The teacher__ books

3. The children__ toys

4. My friend__ car

5. The cat__ tail

6. John and Mary__ house

7. The students__ backpacks

8. The baby__ bottle

9. The birds__ nests

10. The tree__ branches



Possessives: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) its
2. a) John's
3. b) your
4. a) their
5. b) my
6. b) its
7. a) Her
8. b) their
9. d) your
10. a) their

Exercise 2

1. 's
2. 's
3. 's
4. 's
5. 's
6. 's
7. ' / s'
8. 's
9. ' / s'
10. 's

Corrections to the printed pages

Exercise 2, item 3: children does not end in s, so it takes 's (the children's toys).

Exercise 2, items 7 and 9: students and birds already end in s, so only an apostrophe is added (the students' backpacks, the birds' nests).