

possessives

An apostrophe plus **s** added to a noun shows ownership. It makes the noun **possessive**.

my mother's purse = the purse *belonging to* my mother

Where the apostrophe goes depends upon whether the noun is singular or plural.

Singular possessives

Add **'s** when only one person or thing has something:

Joe's hat

the girl's coat

a week's holiday

Even if the singular noun ends with an **s**, add **'s**:

James's jacket

the boss's jacket

Plural possessives

When more than one person or thing has something, add **'** (an apostrophe alone) to plural words ending with **s**:

the boys' boots

her parents' car

the Frasers' house

Add **'s** to plural words that do not end with **s**:

the children's room

women's clothes

sheep's wool