

Plurals vs Possessive

- Do not confuse possessive nouns with plural nouns. Plural shows you have more than one noun. A possessive noun shows ownership.
- Most plural nouns end in an s.
- Possessive nouns have an apostrophe before or after the s.

Ex: The grandmothers met for tea. (plural noun)

Ex: The grandmother's grandchildren visited her. (singular poss.)

Ex: Two of the grandmothers' children came for the program.
(plural possessive)

****Tip: First look to see if there is a noun after the word you are trying to decide if it should be possessive. If there is a noun, you should use an apostrophe. Then determine if it is singular or plural possessive.*

Ex: The mechanics fixed the car.

Ex: The mechanic's shop was closed for the day.

Ex: Three mechanics' shops were recognized for their quality service.

Two puppies were lost outside. Plural

The movie _____ seats were new.

theaters

theater's

theaters'

The _____ liner was ripped. (pool) pool's

The _____ were packing up the sleigh. (elf)