

Plural and Possessive -s

Warm-Up



Plural -s

Plural means 'more than one'. We add an -s to many words when there are more than one of them, for example:



dogs



biscuits



toys

How many different **plural words ending in -s** do you know?
Write as many of them as you can on a whiteboard in 30 seconds.

Possessive -s

An -s can be added to show possession of a **singular** noun, however it needs to have an apostrophe in the correct place to make it grammatically correct.



the dog's fur



the cake's icing



the toy's price

People disagree over whether to use an additional -'s with possession of a singular noun which already ends in -s (such as cactus, bus, James). Choose a rule and stay consistent.

e.g. James's pencil needed to be sharpened.

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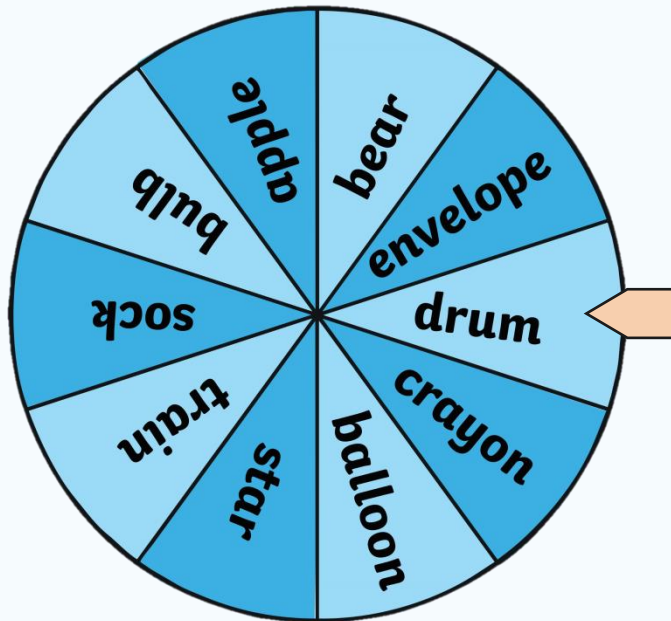
Now it is your turn. Add an **-s** to show the plural form of these singular nouns, then write a sentence which shows possession by the singular noun.

Singular	Plural -s	Singular Possessive -'s
dog	dogs	The dog's collar was red.
snake		
cupcake		
chicken		
train		
lemon		



Lucky Dip

Spin the wheel to choose a **singular noun**. Then choose a box. If the number is **even**, you must write the noun in its **plural form**. If the number is **odd**, you must write a sentence which shows **possession** by the singular noun.



Spin

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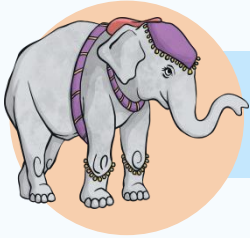
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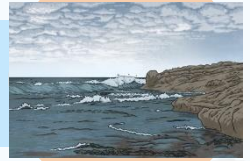
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The _____ keeper had brought him lots of fresh, juicy apples.

elephants / elephant's / elephants's

The _____ on the coast jutted out of the sea.



rocks / rock's / rocks's



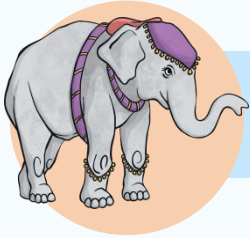
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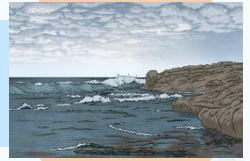
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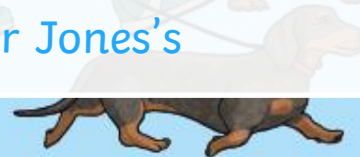


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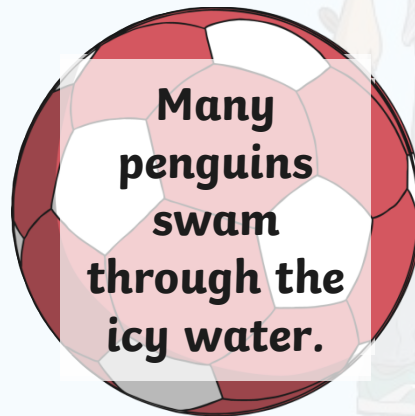
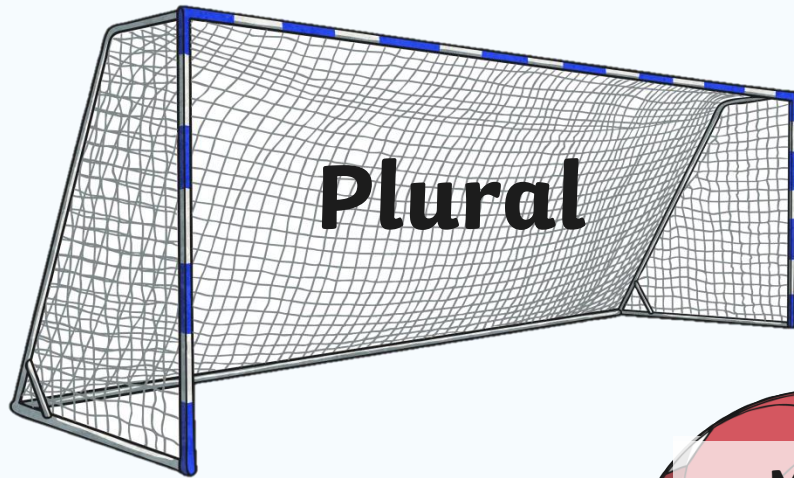
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Plural or Possessive?

Read the sentences below and decide whether the word with an 's' is **plural** or **possessive**.



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Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

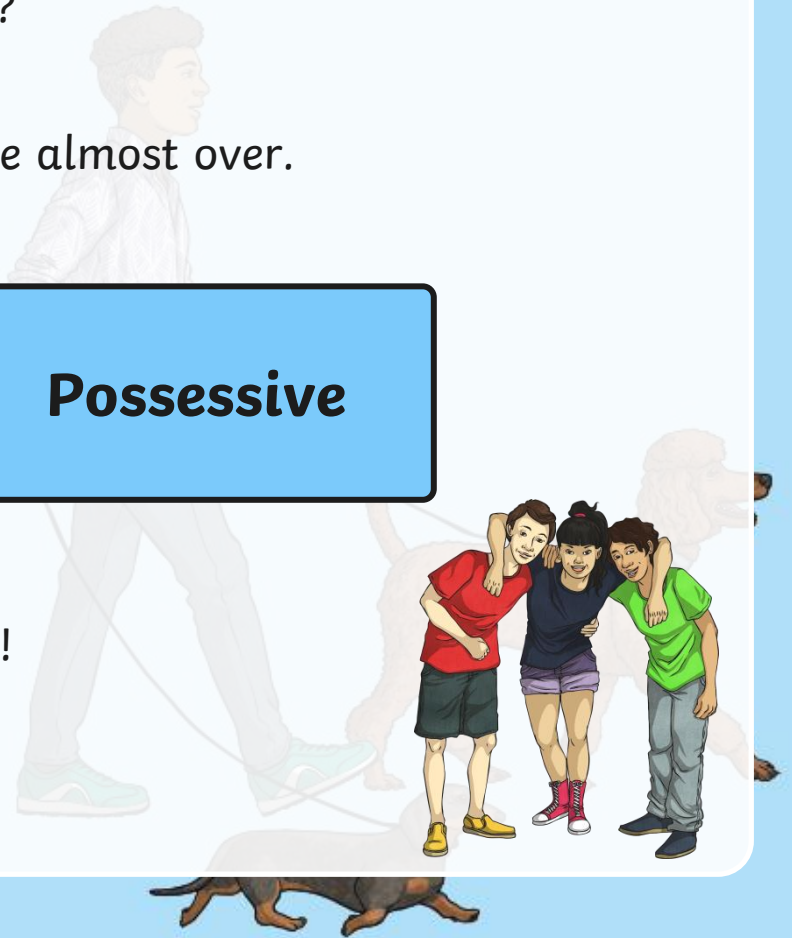
Does the -s in the word which is underlined show that it is plural or possessive?

The summer holidays were almost over.

Plural

Possessive

You've got it!



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Many creatures lurk inside the Titanic's rusting remains.

Plural

Possessive

What gave it away?



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Does the -s in the word which is underlined show that it is plural or possessive?

One of the world's deadliest creatures is the box jellyfish.

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You're an expert now.



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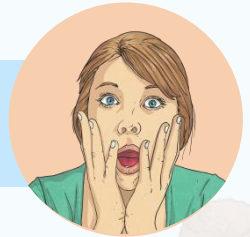
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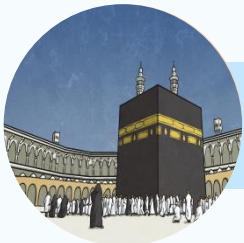
_____ tallest skyscraper is called The Shard.

Londons / London's / Londons's

The look on _____ face was priceless.



Elizabeths / Elizabeth's / Elizabeths's



Millions of _____ visit Mecca every year.

Muslims / Muslim's / Muslims's

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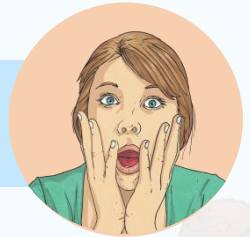
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London's tallest skyscraper is called The Shard.

Londons / **London's** / Londons's

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Elizabeths / **Elizabeth's** / Elizabeths's



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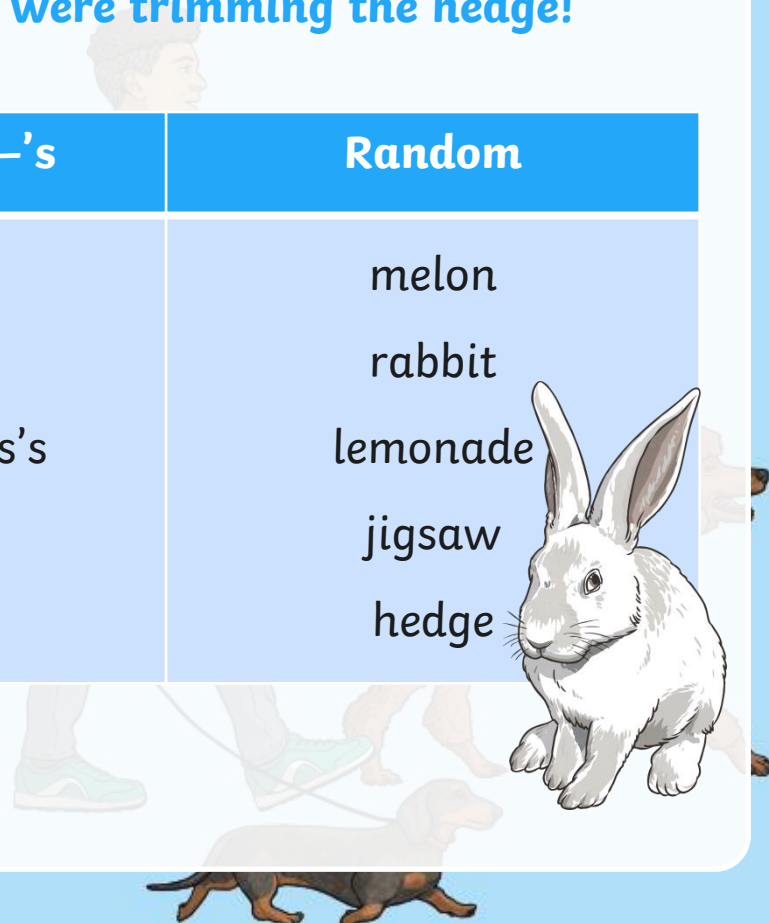
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Silly Sentences

Build the silliest sentences that you can by choosing one word from each of the columns below and writing a sentence **which makes sense**.

Example: **All of Mrs Jenkins's sharks were trimming the hedge!**

Plural -s	Possessive -'s	Random
ants	Anita's	melon
bananas	dog's	rabbit
girls	Mrs Jenkins's	lemonade
sharks	pizza's	jigsaw
pencils	cinema's	hedge



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Which of these is the correct way to complete the following sentence?

After his walk, the _____ paws were muddy.

dogs

dog's

dogs's

Hip hip hooray! How did you know?



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Which of these is the correct way to complete the following sentence?

The _____ whistle blew at half-time.

referees

referee's

referees's

Ace!

