

# Possessives

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## Quick Review

To show that something BELONGS to one person, add an APOSTROPHE + S ('s): *the dog's bone*. For plural nouns ending in -s, add only an APOSTROPHE: *the dogs' tails*. For irregular plurals, add 's: *the children's toys*.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the correct possessive form.

- Which is correct for one girl's hat?
  - the girls hat
  - the girl's hat
  - the girls' hat
  - the girl hats
- Which is correct for the toys belonging to two boys?
  - the boys toys
  - the boy's toys
  - the boys' toys
  - the boys's toys
- Which is correct for the books belonging to the children?
  - the childrens books
  - the children's books
  - the childrens' books
  - the children books
- Which is correct for one cat's tail?
  - the cats tail
  - the cats' tail
  - the cat's tail
  - the cat tails



5. Which sentence is correct?
- A. The dogs bone was buried.
  - B. The dog's bone was buried.
  - C. The dogs' bone was buried.
  - D. The dog bones was buried.
6. Which sentence is correct?
- A. The childrens playground is small.
  - B. The children's playground is small.
  - C. The childrens' playground is small.
  - D. The children playground is small.
7. Write the correct possessive form: *the backpack belonging to Sam* → \_\_\_\_\_ backpack  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Write the correct possessive form: *the homework belonging to the students* → the \_\_\_\_\_ homework  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which has a possessive ERROR?
- A. My mom's car is blue.
  - B. The boys's bikes are in the rack.
  - C. Mr. Lee's class is fun.
  - D. The babies' toys are everywhere.
10. Which is correct?
- A. The peoples vote was important.
  - B. The people's vote was important.
  - C. The peoples' vote was important.
  - D. The peoples's vote was important.
11. Which sentence is correct?
- A. The teacher praised the students hard work.
  - B. The teacher praised the student's hard work.
  - C. The teacher praised the students' hard work.
  - D. The teacher praised the students's hard work.
12. Make this possessive: *the team of Coach Lee* → Coach \_\_\_\_\_ team  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D
- 6  A  B  C  D

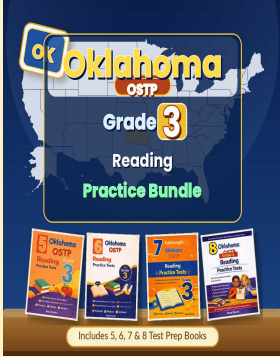
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- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D
- 11  A  B  C  D
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### Explanations

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| <b>1. B</b>         | One girl → apostrophe + s. Girls' would be more than one girl.                         |
| <b>2. C</b>         | More than one boy → apostrophe AFTER the s.  |
| <b>3. B</b>         | Children is an irregular plural → add 's.  |
| <b>4. C</b>         | One cat → cat's.   |
| <b>5. B</b>         | One dog's bone → dog's.  |
| <b>6. B</b>         | Children's = playground that belongs to (or is for) the children.                      |
| <b>7. Sam's</b>     | Singular name + 's.  |
| <b>8. students'</b> | Plural noun ending in s → just apostrophe.   |
| <b>9. B</b>         | Should be "boys" (plural ending in s → apostrophe only).                               |
| <b>10. B</b>        | People is irregular plural → add 's.   |
| <b>11. C</b>        | If the work belongs to multiple students → students' (plural with apostrophe after s). |
| <b>12. Lee's</b>    | Singular name + 's.  |



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