

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

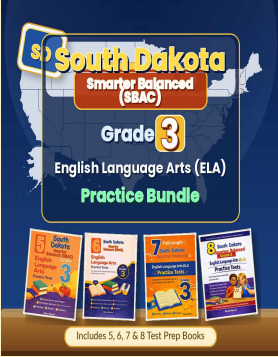
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- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D
- 11 A B C D
- 12

Explanations

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



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