

How To Make Possessive Nouns

Possessive Noun Rule	Apostrophe?	Examples
Singular Noun	Add an apostrophe + "s"	<u>woman's</u> handbag <u>boy's</u> skateboard
Singular Noun Ending in "s"	Add an apostrophe or an apostrophe + "s"	<u>Carlos'</u> friend <u>class's</u> project
Plural Noun	Add only an apostrophe	<u>families'</u> car <u>trees'</u> roots <u>cats'</u> fur
Its	No apostrophe needed	<u>its</u> fur <u>its</u> nails
Compound Word	Add the apostrophe + "s" to the end or the last word	<u>father-in-law's</u> car <u>Social Security's</u> offices
Multiple Nouns Sharing Possession	Add apostrophe + "s" to the last noun in the group	Fred and <u>Bill's</u> car Sarah, Will and <u>Beth's</u> trip
Multiple Nouns With Separate Possession	Add apostrophe + "s" to the end of all nouns to show separate possession	<u>John's</u> and <u>Sarah's</u> cars <u>Jeremy's</u> and <u>Truk's</u> lunches