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Module 20

English

Using Possessive Forms of Plural Nouns



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To the Learner

Hi!

Here I am again to help you in your studies. In this lesson, you will learn to use the possessive form of plural nouns.

Have fun doing the activities.



Let's Learn This

Plural nouns have different ways to showing possession. This module will help you learn how plural nouns show possession.



Let's Try This

Rewrite each word group as phrase with possessive noun using 's or '.

1. balloons of the children
2. paintings of Filipino Artist
3. adventure of the men
4. words of the speakers
5. songs of the birds
6. antics of the monkeys

Were you able to rewrite each word group correctly? Look at the Answer Key for the correct answers. Don't worry if you were not able to answer them correctly. This module will help you.



Let's Study This

Read the story about Glen and his cousins' visit to their grandparents' home.

One sunny morning, Glen and his cousins went to visit their grandparents' old home. They wanted to see the beautiful things owned by his father, uncles and aunts. Grandpa showed them around. He brought them to the old rooms. There they saw men's boots and children's hats. There were ladies' things too. There were ladies' dresses and shoes. They also saw their uncles' shirts and their aunts' bags. Then Grandpa told them that they could have anything they liked. The children went home with big bundles in their hands.

Answer the questions.

1. Who went to their Grandparents' home?
2. Why did the children visit the old home?
3. Why do you think Grandpa gave them the things that his children owned?
4. How do you take care of things given to you?

Read the phrases taken from the story.

aunts' bag
cousins' visit
grandparents' home
ladies' things
ladies' dresses and shoes
uncles' shirts
men's boots
children's hats

What have you noticed in each phrase?

How is ownership or possession expressed in the group of phrases?

- Plural nouns ending in s show ownership by adding apostrophe (') only. (mothers' class)
- Plural nouns not ending in s show ownership by adding 's. (men's uniform)

Look at the examples.

the houses of the teachers	the teachers' houses
the shirts of the boys	the boys' shirts
the truck of the firemen	the firemen's truck

Which is the shortest way of expressing possession?



Let's Do This

Write the possessive form of each plural noun. The first one is done for you.

1. the hats of the women the women's hats
2. the gowns of the ladies -----
3. the caps of the policemen

4. the notebooks of my brother -----
5. the tails of the monkeys

6. the jackets of the men -----

Check your answers using the Answer Key. What's your score?



Let's Do More

Fill in the blanks with the correct possessive form of the nouns in the parentheses. Do this on a piece of paper.

1. The (parents) _____ meeting was successful.
2. The (babies) _____ toys were kept in their rooms.
3. The young (girls) _____ plan is to visit their (grandparents) _____ home.
4. The (men) _____ uniforms are new.
5. Have you seen the (children) _____ show?



Let's Remember This

How do plural nouns show ownership?

- Nouns have different ways of showing ownership. Plural nouns show possession in two ways.
- Add apostrophe (') only to plural nouns ending in -s.
boys' hats
students' cards
- Add 's if the plural form of the noun does not end in -s.
seamen's books
children's toys



Let's Test Ourselves

Change the phrases to another way of showing possession.

Here's an example.

the letters of the students

the students' letters

Start here.

1. the nets of the fishermen
2. the caps of the swimmers
3. the seats of the drivers
4. the shoes of the children
5. the books of the teachers



Let's Enrich Ourselves

Write the possessive form of each plural noun. The first one is done for you.

1. butchers knife

butchers' knife

2. feet hairs

3. clowns balls

4. women party

5. dancers costume

6. horses speed



Answer Key

Let's Try This

1. children's balloons
2. Filipino artists' paintings
3. men's adventure
4. speakers' words
5. birds' songs
6. monkeys' antics

Let's Do This

1. the ladies' gowns
2. the policemen's caps
3. my brothers' notebooks
4. the monkeys' tails
5. the men's jackets

Let's Do More

1. parents'
2. babies'
3. girls', grandparents'
4. men's
5. children's

Let's Test Ourselves

1. the fishermen's nets
2. the swimmers' caps
3. the drivers' seats
4. the children's shoes
5. the teachers' books

Let's Enrich Ourselves

1. feet's hairs
2. clowns' balls
3. women's party
4. dancers' costume
5. horses' speed