

PLURAL / POSSESSIVE NOUNS

A plural noun names two or more things, persons, places or ideas.

A possessive noun shows ownership of a noun that follows.

Sometimes we have difficulty deciding whether a noun is plural, possessive, or both. The following guidelines will help you:

- ∅ Some plural possessive nouns end in an apostrophe only

houses' colors cities' population

- ∅ Irregular plurals form the possessive by adding 's

women's club mice's holes sheep's wool

- ∅ All singular possessive nouns end in 's. Remember that a singular noun names one *thing, person, place, or idea*. Every singular noun forms the possessive by adding 's, regardless of the noun's ending.

girl's dress school's playground

- ∅ To distinguish singular possessives from plural possessives ending in 's, you must know the irregular plurals for words, such as

mice or children