

## Plural Possessive Nouns

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A **plural possessive noun** shows ownership by more than one person or thing.

trees' branches

actors' lines

Plural possessive nouns are formed in one of two ways.

- If the plural noun ends in s, just add an apostrophe (') at the end of the word.  
houses'                  elephants'
  - If the plural noun does not end in s, then add an apostrophe + s at the end of the word.  
men's                          moose's
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A. Circle the correct plural possessive noun for each underlined group of words.

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| 1. <u>books of the women</u>      | women's books     | womens' books     |
| 2. <u>horns of the steers</u>     | steers' horns     | steers's horns    |
| 3. <u>tails of the kites</u>      | kite's tails      | kites' tails      |
| 4. <u>skates of the boys</u>      | boys' skates      | boy's skates      |
| 5. <u>houses of the villagers</u> | villagers' houses | villager's houses |
| 6. <u>food of the animals</u>     | animals' food     | animal's food     |
| 7. <u>wings of the planes</u>     | plane's wings     | planes' wings     |

B. Read each sentence. Write the plural possessive noun that can take the place of the words in parentheses.

8. All the (saddles of the horses) are in the barn. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The (shoes of men) are on sale. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The (ears of sheep) are small and pointed. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did you hear the (spurs of the cowboys) jangling? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Watch out for the (thorns of the roses). \_\_\_\_\_
13. Sally repairs the (dents of cars). \_\_\_\_\_
14. The (engines of the trucks) are very powerful. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The (jokes of the children) are funny. \_\_\_\_\_