

1. To possess something is to own it. Read these examples of possessive sentences. Notice you can use the verb “own” or the verb “have”.

Jack owns a dog. He has two cars. They have three children. We had some soup.

2. If Jack owns the dog, it is “Jack’s dog”. Notice you use **apostrophe s** to show possession. Read these examples:

Ron has a car. It is Ron’s car. Janet owns a house. It is Janet’s house.

3. If the noun ends in S we do not add another S. Example:

Luis has some coffee. It is Luis’ coffee. Jess owns a boat. It is Jess’ boat.

4. If two people own something, you only use “apostrophe s” on the last person’s name. Example:

Martha and Jerry own this house. It is Martha and Jerry’s house.

Now you practice writing the second sentence.

- a) Jenny and Mark have two children. They are _____.
- b) Sherry owns a dog. It is _____.
- c) Bill has red socks. Those are _____.
- d) Alice has a purse. It is _____.
- e) Russ owns a house. It is _____.
- f) The book belongs to Dave. It is _____.

5. When asking possession questions, you use “do have” or “do own”. Read these examples.

Do you have a house? Do you own a car? Does she have any children?

Ask your neighbor a question with either “do have” or “do own”. That person should answer in a complete sentence.

Example: Do you own black boots? Answer: I don’t own black boots. OR Do you have children?

Answer: I have one child.

6. Possessive pronouns: my, your, his, hers, mine, ours, theirs, its. Read these examples.

- I gave **her** book to you. The book is on **your** desk. **His** hair is long.
- That book is **hers**. **My** hair is shorter than **yours**. Those books are **mine**.
- Our** house is small. These books are **theirs**. These books are **ours**.
- Is this **yours**? She is **my** friend. **Its** color is red.

Write the sentence again. Replace the nouns in these sentences with the correct possessive pronoun.

- (a) That book is Gloria’s. The book is hers.
- (b) I gave George’s book to you. _____
- (c) Is this Father’s hat? _____
- (d) These books are Mother and Father’s. _____
- (e) Jim and my house is small. _____

- (f) Those apples are Eddie's. _____
- (g) This book is (your name). _____
- (h) The dog's paw is hurt. _____
- (i) John's hair is too long. _____
- (j) That boy's dog is big. _____
- (k) Nancy has a bicycle. _____

Plural or Possessive? Choose the correct noun.

- a) His family's/families house is near.
- b) The singers/singer's are all in black shirts.
- c) Three family's/families live in one house.
- d) Water the trees/tree's every day.
- e) My sister's/sisters car is red.
- f) Many dogs/dog's bark.
- g) The dogs/dog's bark is very loud.
- h) Her sister's/sisters are in town.
- i) The baby's/babies are crying.
- j) The baby's/babies shoe fell off.
- k) My mother's/mothers purse is heavy.
- l) The child's/childrens shoes are dirty.
- m) The meat/meat's is cooked.
- n) The men's/mens restroom is downstairs.
- o) The men's/men went to class.
- p) Ben's/Bens car is very fast.

Talk with a partner about things you have or own. (Teachers: Afterwards have them tell the whole group what they learned about their partner.)