

# Possessive Nouns

A **possessive noun** shows who or what owns something.

Zeke owns the cows. They are **Zeke's** cows.

The tail belongs to the dog. It is the **dog's** tail.

The girl threw the party. It was the **girl's** party.

A **singular possessive noun** shows that one person, place, or thing owns something.

Form the possessive of a singular noun by adding an apostrophe (') and -s.

**Monday's** problem                      the **conductor's** train

the **train's** track                      **Gus's** gas station

A **plural possessive noun** shows that more than one person, place, or thing owns something. When a plural noun ends in -s, add only an apostrophe (') after the -s.

the **kids'** game                      the **horses'** stable

the **Stevenses'** house              the **eggs'** carton

When a plural noun does not end in -s, add an apostrophe (') and -s.

the **oxen's** plow                      the **mice's** nest

the **people's** favorite              the **children's** school

## 1 Show What You Know

Label each possessive noun with S for singular or P for plural.

Our class went to Zeke Thomas's farm last week.

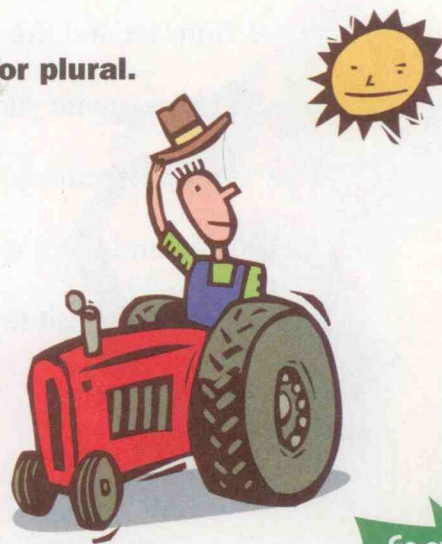
We loved visiting the farm's animals.

We asked about the animals' behaviors.

The chickens' pecking order was obvious.

"Today's farm needs to be efficient," Mr. Thomas told us.

A farmer's worst enemy is a long, dry spell.



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## 2 Take It Up a Notch

Read the sentences below. Using possessive nouns, rewrite the words in parentheses. Reread the paragraph to be sure that it makes sense.

(The train set belonging to Stanley) \_\_\_\_\_ sits on a large table.

(The engine of the train) \_\_\_\_\_ blows smoke from its stack.

On the edge of his toy town, Stanley is building a replica of

(the farm belonging to Zeke) \_\_\_\_\_.

He will include (the pastures of the cows) \_\_\_\_\_.

Stanley decided to call (the restaurant of the town) \_\_\_\_\_ "The Melody." All of

(the people of our town) \_\_\_\_\_ should see this model. There is even

a (playground for kids) \_\_\_\_\_ with swings and a merry-go-round!



### Proofreading Power!

There are eight mistakes in the letter below. Correct them using proofreader's marks.

Dear Mayor schwartz:


My name is Stanley gibbs. Perhaps you have heard about my model Train set and the replica of Springdale that I am building.

I would like to invite yuo to see this wonder. You will be amazed at my replicas' accuracy. The towns clock even chimes in the little clock tower, and there are geoses swimming in the park's pond.


If you promise to visit my toy town, I will put up a tiny statue of you in the tiny park!


Yours truly,

stanley Gibbs


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 Add a period

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