

# Plural Possessive Nouns

To show that two or more people share or own something, use a **plural possessive noun**.

**Plural Noun**                      The trees grew tall in America.

**Singular Possessive Noun**    That oak tree's wood is hard.

**Plural Possessive Noun**        All the trees' wood was strong.

Add an apostrophe (') to plural nouns that end in *-s*, *-es*, or *-ies* to make them possessive. To make plural nouns that do not end in *-s*, *-es*, or *-ies* possessive, add an apostrophe and an *s*.

men    men's boots                      oxen    oxen's strength

**Directions** Write the plural possessive noun in each sentence.

1. The two towns' settlers gathered to celebrate the harvest. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The settlers' tables were long boards. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The vegetables' flavors were delicious. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The cooks' dishes smelled spicy. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Men's mouths watered at the smell. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Write the possessive form of the underlined plural noun in each sentence.

6. The colonies schools taught reading and arithmetic. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Americans roads were dusty paths. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Horses pulled farmers carts and wagons. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The horses jobs were difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Oxen size made them a better choice for the job. \_\_\_\_\_