

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.

towns'
settlers'
vegetables'
cooks'
Men's

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.

colonies'
Americans'
farmers'
horses'
Oxen's