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Plural Possessive Nouns

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

Plural Noun

The families built houses.

Singular Possessive Noun

The family's house was made of wood.

Plural Possessive Noun

Most families' houses had big fireplaces.

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*.

children children's toys women women's books

Directions Write the plural possessive noun in each sentence.

1. With the Indians' help, colonists planted gardens. _____
2. The gardens' crops included corn and beans. _____
3. The Americans' first Thanksgiving was special. _____
4. The settlers' first winters were hard. _____
5. England's winters were cold, but the colonies' weather was harsher. _____

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

6. British companies ships brought settlers to America. _____
7. The ships conditions were not good. _____
8. Children illnesses were sometimes fatal. _____
9. Doctors treatments were not very helpful. _____
10. The travelers hard journey finally ended in America. _____



Home Activity Your child learned about plural possessive nouns. Name some families in your neighborhood. Have your child make up sentences using the plural possessive form of each noun, such as *The Smiths' dog likes to play ball.*