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

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

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



**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.*