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Mastering the possessive apostrophe requires only... ONE SIMPLE RULE!

**The apostrophe is an arrow,
pointing at who is doing the owning.**



Check it out...

Possessive Apostrophe



The **dog's bowl** was empty.

points to the owner

Who does the bowl belong to? The DOG. So, the arrow, or apostrophe, points to "dog" and you add an S.

This rule even works for plural nouns. Check out these examples:

The **women's purses** all got swiped by the thief.

All of the **kids' balloons** all got swept away by the wind.

Who did the purses and balloons belong to? The WOMEN and KIDS. If the plural noun already ends in "s" just add the apostrophe.

Now try using the possessive apostrophe with singular nouns by asking, who is the owner? Insert an apostrophe in the bolded word that points to the answer.

The hose's nozzle was broken.	Who is the owner? <u>hose</u>
The horse's mane was braided.	Who is the owner? <u>horse</u>
I lost my brother's favorite jersey.	Who is the owner? <u>brother</u>
The crowd's cheers were deafening.	Who is the owner? <u>crowd</u>

Now try it with plural nouns.

The women's dresses were all red.	Who is/are the owner(s)? <u>women</u>
The cars' horns were all broken.	Who is/are the owner(s)? <u>cars</u>
The local rivers' levels were all rising after the hurricane.	Who is/are the owner(s)? <u>rivers</u>
The kittens' mittens were all lost.	Who is/are the owner(s)? <u>kittens</u>

Now write two fun or crazy sentences that include possessive apostrophes of your own.
