

SPELLING WITH PLURALS AND POSSESSIVES #2

It's important to pay attention to spelling when you are using plurals and possessives in your writing. A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, or thing. A **possessive noun** shows who or what owns something or has something.



Add an apostrophe and -s ('s) to a singular noun to make it a possessive noun.	→	novel's
When a plural noun ends in -s , just add an apostrophe (') to make it a possessive noun.	→	novels'
When a plural noun does not end in -s , add an apostrophe and -s ('s) to make it a possessive noun.	→	sheep's children's

Directions: Identify the error in each sentence. Cross it out and write the correct word on the line.

Example: When we visited the French Quarter in New Orleans, we took a bus tour that introduced us to several ~~museum's~~ in the area. museums

- ~~Nathan's~~ design tool kit includes fabric scissors, fashion magazines, multiple measuring tapes, and needles and threads. Nathan's
- The eyelash viper, a nocturnal venomous snake found in tropical rainforests in Central and South America, is named after the distinctive scales over its ~~eyes'~~. eyes
- As deciduous plants break down all their chlorophyll molecules in autumn, their ~~leave's~~ colors change from green to vibrant hues of yellow, orange, and red. leaves'
- Olympic diving is judged on four main factors, including a ~~divers'~~ starting position, takeoff, flight through the air, and entry into the water. diver's
- When they graduate from the theater tech program, Aiden and Briana want to design and build the ~~sets'~~ for musicals on Broadway. sets
- Researchers say that Egyptian ~~pharaoh's~~ wore makeup around their eyes to imitate the god Horus and to reduce the glare from the sun. pharaohs
- Elena's hand-eye coordination improved after she followed a ~~coaches~~ advice to practice bouncing two basketballs at the same time. coach's
- When you travel to Honduras, be sure to try a traditional seafood soup made with coconut milk, ~~plantains'~~, and crab. plantains
- I listened closely to hear the Mexican spider ~~monkeys~~ barks, squeals, and squeaks as they swung through the trees. monkeys'
- Even though Audrey and Kenzi tried to follow the instruction manual, the cabinet's ~~shelves'~~ appeared to be lopsided and upside down. shelves