

SPELLING WITH PLURALS AND POSSESSIVES

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.	→ <i>photograph's</i>
When a plural noun ends in -s , just add an apostrophe (') to make it a possessive noun.	→ <i>photographs'</i>
When a plural noun does not end in -s , add an apostrophe and -s ('s) to make it a possessive noun.	→ <i>fish's</i> <i>people's</i>

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

Example: While joining my grandmother at the community garden, I saw a vibrant ecosystem filled with ~~birds's~~, plants, and insects.

birds

1. Every year, Mrs. Cunningham spends time at Wave Hill Public Garden to admire the landscape and savor the dramatic view's of the Hudson River. _____
2. Field trips to local parks and nature preserves can increase childrens interest in and awareness of the natural world around them. _____
3. Despite my efforts at pest control, the large number of Japanese beetles poses a significant problem for the rose bushes' in my garden. _____
4. Council members posted signs throughout the school building to encourage student's and staff to conserve energy by turning off the lights. _____
5. The Green Belt Movements mission is to empower communities to conserve and improve the environment by planting trees. _____
6. Galápagos National Park protects the nesting zone for marine iguanas, the worlds' only sea-going lizard, by restricting access to the area. _____
7. The principals footsteps echoed across the vast auditorium as he took his place in front of the podium to deliver the opening remarks for the assembly. _____
8. The art teachers eyebrows raised in surprise when they heard the announcement about which of their classes won the Earth Day door decorating contest. _____
9. Although the howling of coyote's can be alarming, wildlife specialists say that coyotes howl primarily to communicate with each other and establish territory. _____
10. Our local representative held a town hall meeting to hear peoples' opinions about the new project that would build a bypass around the congested areas. _____