

The Apostrophe - possession

1. Add apostrophes (') wherever required in the given sentences.

1. The **teacher's** table was painted red, which annoyed her very much.

2. My **father's** office is near my **mother's** shop.

3. The **women's** dresses were very expensive even after the discount.

4. Anil is packing Anu, Reema and **Sanjay's** lunch.

5. Three **boys'** bikes were parked in the driveway.

6. Where is **Hadeel's** pencil box?

7. I put on **Pamela's** hat by mistake.

2. Underline the possessive noun in each sentence and identify whether it is singular or plural by writing your answer on the lines provided.

1. The crew obeyed the captain's orders. singular

2. The ropes' ends were frayed. plural

3. After the storm, the water's surface was still. (Singular

4. Peter put his duffel bag under the lifeboat's seat. singular

5. Make sure that the cords' knots are tied tightly. plural

6. The crew's bunks were below deck. singular

7. All the cabins' doors were locked. plural

8. The sailors' friends waited for them to come ashore. plural

3. Circle the correct form of the plural possessive noun in each sentence.

1. The (womans' women's) ferry ride lasted thirty minutes.

2. The ship's cook sharpened the (knives knifes') blades.

3. The captain explained that the cargo was (sheeps' sheep's) wool.

4. The (mens' men's) survival was an extraordinary event.

5. The (wive's wives') plan to throw a welcome party was a success.

4. Read the following paragraph then answer the questions that follow.

(1) The men's boat is ready to set sail. (2) The men will be away at sea for many days. (3) Their families gather on the dock to wave good-bye. (4) The men kiss their wives and accept their children hugs. (5) One man's family even brings the dog to say good-bye! (6) The captain's son sounds the boat's horn, and the men begin to board.

1. Which of the following has no possessive nouns?

- a. sentence 1
- b. sentence 2
- c. sentence 5
- d. sentence 6

2. How should the underlined word in Sentence 4 be written?

- a. childrens'
- b. children's
- c. child's'
- d. childrens's

3. Which is a plural possessive noun?

- a. men's
- b. families
- c. wives
- d. man's

4. Which BEST describes the underlined word in Sentence 6?

- a. singular noun
- b. singular possessive noun
- c. plural noun
- d. plural possessive noun

5. How many possessive nouns are in Sentence 6?

- a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
 - d. none
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6. Which is a singular possessive noun?

a. men's

b. days

c. captain's

d. sounds

5. Rewrite the sentences. Replace the underlined words with a possessive noun and the word or words that tell what the noun possesses.

1. The coral concert of the boys is at 6 o'clock.

The boys' coral concert is at 6 o'clock.

OR

The coral's concert of the boys is at 6 o'clock.

2. The wedding of Jessica and John was extremely wonderful.

Jessica and John's wedding was extremely wonderful.

3. I read about the lives of women during war times.

I read about women's lives during war times.

4. Rebecca thought the stars and stripes of the flag were a good design.

Rebecca thought the flag's stars and stripes were a good design.

5. He answered the questions of the children about the Mayflower voyage.

He answered the children's questions about the Mayflower voyage.