

Possessive Nouns

A **possessive noun** shows ownership. A **singular possessive noun** shows that one person, place, or thing has or owns something. A **plural possessive noun** shows that more than one person, place, or thing has or owns something.

- To make a singular noun show possession, add an **apostrophe (')** and **-s**.
the questions of the child the child's questions
 - When a plural noun ends in **-s**, add an **apostrophe (')** to make the noun show possession.
the nests of the birds the birds' nests
 - When a plural noun does not end in **-s**, add an **apostrophe (')** and **-s** to show possession.
the stories of the men the men's stories
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A Write the correct possessive noun to complete each sentence.

- 1.** (Florida's, Floridas') Everglades are endangered. **2.** This (park's, parks's) environment became threatened because of too much development around it. **3.** Many (people's, peoples') efforts are helping to restore the swamp's water resources. **4.** Everglades National Park was established in 1947 to protect the (area's, areas') natural condition. **5.** New laws saved many (animals', animal's) habitats.

Write each noun below as a possessive noun. Write **S** if the possessive noun is singular. Write **P** if the possessive noun is plural.

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| 6. alligator | 10. child |
| 7. women | 11. story |
| 8. islands | 12. birds |
| 9. Indian | 13. countries |

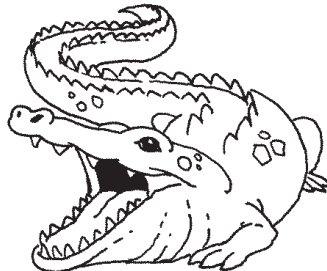
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B Add an apostrophe (') or an apostrophe (') and **-s** to make each underlined word possessive.

1. I climbed in the rowboat by the lake edge.
2. One camera bag was stashed in a waterproof container.
3. Several alligators heads appeared by the shore.
4. I paddled away to avoid those creatures menacing stares.
5. The sun rays reflected the still water.
6. My rowboat wake left a ripple in the water.
7. The flapping of several hawks wings interrupted the silence.
8. They were so close that I saw their wings feathers.
9. I took a photograph with my oldest brother camera.
10. Jim also likes to photograph nature wonders.
11. Jim pictures have won several awards.

C Change each underlined phrase to show possession. Write the sentences.

12. Many of the habitats of the Earth need to be protected.
13. The fish of the oceans are threatened by pollution.
14. Scientists study effects of pollution on wildlife.
15. The findings of scientists show that we need to protect wildlife.
16. What can we do to protect the environment of the world?
17. Some say that the use by people of cars should be monitored.
18. Suggestions of citizens include establishing wildlife refuges.
19. We need to work hard to save the resources of the planet.



UNIT 2 GRAMMAR

Review and Assess

Write each word as a possessive noun.

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| 1. car | 9. neighbor |
| 2. mice | 10. animals |
| 3. card | 11. wolf |
| 4. owl | 12. Mr. Hill |
| 5. babies | 13. Lily |
| 6. Chris | 14. streets |
| 7. libraries | 15. alligators |
| 8. Earth | 16. men |

Write the letter of the word that correctly completes each sentence.

17. That ____ source is unknown.

A rivers	C rivers'
B river's	D rivers's

18. A few of our ____ rivers remain unexplored.

A countrys'	C countrie's
B country's	D countries's

19. Many of the ____ resources are limited.

A worlds	C worlds'
B worlds's	D world's

20. Other ____ leaves can be used to make medicine.

A plant's	C plants
B plants'	D plants's

21. Our ____ future depends on saving the environment.

A child's'	C children's
B children	D childrens'

