**Possessive nouns need an apostrophe.**

**Possessive pronouns do not need an apostrophe.**

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| * To make a **singular** noun show the cat’s bell.

ownership add an apostrophe the cowboy’s hat. |
| (`) and s. James’s bicycle |
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| * To make the possessive of a the boy**s’** team.
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| **plural** noun that ends in **s**, add the soldier**s’** camp. |
| an apostrophe (**‘**). the puppie**s’** leashes. |
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| * To make the possessive of a **plural** the men**’s** jackets.
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|  noun that does not end in s add the mice**’s** holes. |
| an apostrophe (**‘**) and **s.** the children**’s** toys. |
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| * When several people share a Mary, Kate and Bill**’s** family
 |
|  Possession, add apostrophe **(‘) s** Frederick and Marta**’s**  |
|  to the last noun.  |
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* **Possessive pronouns** do not require an apostrophe.

 Used before a noun--my your his her our their

**Our** lunches **my** first bicycle **his** favorite shoe

Stand alone-mine yours his hers its ours theirs.

 This blue pen is **mine** is the red one **yours?** No, it is **hers.**

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