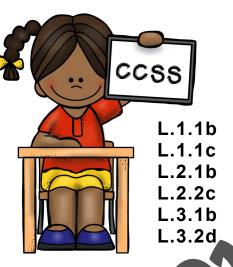


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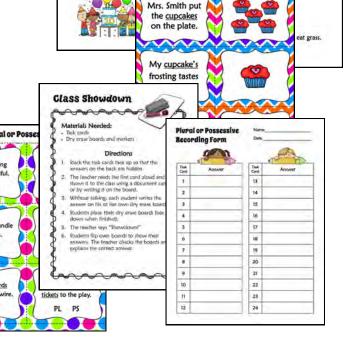
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This teaching resource includes task cards and lesson suggestions for introducing the concept of possessive nouns. The activities are specifically designed to help students distinguish between plural nouns and singular possessive nouns. This packet includes directions for a whole-class introduction to the concepts as well as an assortment of activities that can be completed as a class, in cooperative learning groups, in centers, or in small guided instruction groups. Because this ebook is an introduction to the concept, it does not cover rules for forming plural possessives.

What's In this Mini Pack?

- Lesson Suggestions
- Teacher Demo Pages
- Matching Task Cards
- Practice Worksheets
- Showdown Game Direction
- Plural or Possessive Task Cards
- Write the Plural or Possessive Task Cards
- Plural or Possessive Recording Form
 - Quizzes and Answer Keys
- Plural or Possessive Response Cards



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Matching Plurals and Possessives 1

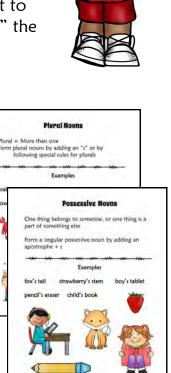
Advanced Preparation

- For the whole class introduction and activities, you'll need an individual dry erase board, marker, and eraser for each student. If you don't have individual boards, you can create them by laminating sheets of cardstock. Small black socks work well as erasers.
- Read through the activity suggestions, and decide how you will use the task cards. Prepare one set for the class or one for each team as needed. Print the cards on card stock and cut them apart. If you want the cards to be self-checking, write the answers on the back of the cards before laminating them. Cut the cards apart in advance or allow students to cut them apart right before use.

Lesson Suggestions:

1. Introduce the Concept of Possession with Student Examples
Begin by introducing students in the class to the concept of
"possession," or the idea that something belongs to someone.
Children understand the idea of ownership and enjoy learning that
there's a way to show ownership when writing. To demonstrate,
ask a student to show you an item from his or her desk such as a
pencil. Write on the board, "This is John's pencil," and point out
that even though it sounds like John is plural, there's only one of
John and the apostrophe + s turns the word into the "possessive"
form by showing that the pencil belongs to John.

- 2. Introduce the Concept of Possession with Objects
 Next, tell students that possessive forms are also used to show that something belongs to something else. Write an example like, "The book's cover was torn." Have students identify the possessive form in the sentence. Point out that the word "book's" refers to one book and that the cover belongs to or is a part of the book.
- 3. Distinguish Between Plural and Possessive Forms
 Use the Teacher Demo pages (6-8) to show students the difference between plural and possessive nouns. These are intended to be displayed for the class using a document camera or on a Smartboard.



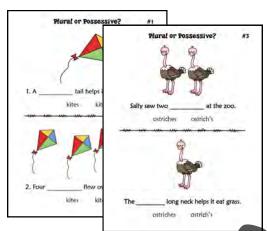
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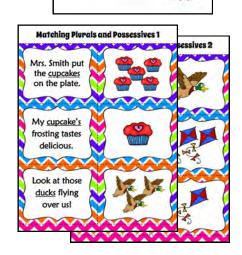
Mary's

book

To have students practice with the skill, display each of the four Plural or Possessive practice activities (page 9 - 8) one at a time. Ask students to choose the correct form of the word for each example. To make the lesson interactive, ask students to write the correct form of each word on their own dry erase boards. Check answers before moving to the next page.



- 4. Introduce Singular Possessive + Plural Nouns (Optional)
 You can skip this step if you think it would be too confusing.
 However, at some point your students will need to learn that a singular possessive and a plural noun may appear in a sentence next to each other. For example, "the cat's whiskers" refers to the fact that one cat has many whiskers. You can use the Teacher Demo on page 13 to assist you in explaining this concept.
- 5. Optional Activity Match Sentences and Illustrations
 If you feel your students need practice distinguishing
 between plurals and possessives, have them use the
 Matching Plurals and Possessives Task Cards on pages 14
 and 15 to practice. There are 12 cards in all, with 6
 sentences and 6 illustrations. Students match the
 sentence with the correct illustration. They can work
 alone in a center or take turns with a partner. This
 activity does not have an answer key, but it's somewhat
 self-checking because the chevron pattern in the
 background will match when the correct cards are
 placed side-by-side.

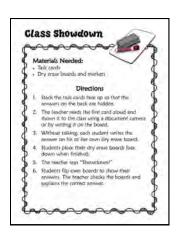


4. girl's books

e girl has many books

6 Activity - Class Showdown

Class Showdown is a simple yet powerful strategy for monitoring students progress. Refer to the complete directions on page 16. Each student will need a dry erase board and a marker, and you'll need a set of task cards for the class. Begin with the set on pages 18-21. You may shuffle the cards or use them in order. Stack the cards face up and draw the top card. Display it for the class and read the sentence aloud. Without talking, everyone writes either "PL" or "PS" on his or her dry erase board and places it face down on the desk. When everyone is ready,



say, "Showdown!" Ask all students to show you their boards. After you review their responses, reveal the correct answer. (Note: Don't point out student errors in front of the class. Instead, walk over to the student's desk and offer a little help during the next round.) Repeat with the other task cards.

Response Cards Variation - If you prefer, you can use the patterns on page 37 to create Plural and Possessive Response cards. Simply cut the pattern on the solid lines, fold each strip in half, and insert a craft stick. Glue the two halves together. Instead of writing PL or PS on their dry erase boards, students hold up their craft sticks to show you the answer.

Write the Plural or Possessive Showdown - Follow the directions for Class Showdown but use the task cards on page 23 - 26. Students will need dry erase boards for this activity since they are actually writing the plural or possessive word form.

7. Activity: Team Showdown

Showdown can also be played in during small guided instruction groups. The directions are similar, but the role of Leader rotates for each turn. Also, you'll need to write the answers on the backs of the task cards before the activity

begins. Older students can play the game in cooperative learning groups, but they should still be monitored closely. If you have students who are performing far below their classmates, you may want to ask a parent volunteer or an assistant to lead their

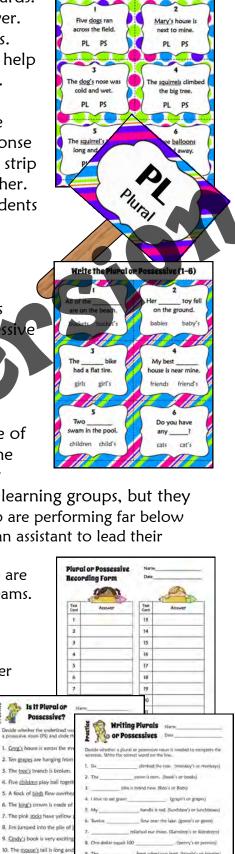
group. If those options aren't available, work with this group yourself. Showdown is fast-paced and frustrates students who are working below grade level if they are kept in mixed-ability teams.

8. More Uses for Task Cards

The cards included in this Mini Pack can be used in just about any whole class game, cooperative learning structure, or center activity that is based on problem cards or task cards. For example, you can use them with "Scoot" games and generic board games. If you want students to record their answers on paper, give them the recording form on page 28. Answer keys are provided for both sets of task cards.

9. Practice Pages and Quizzes

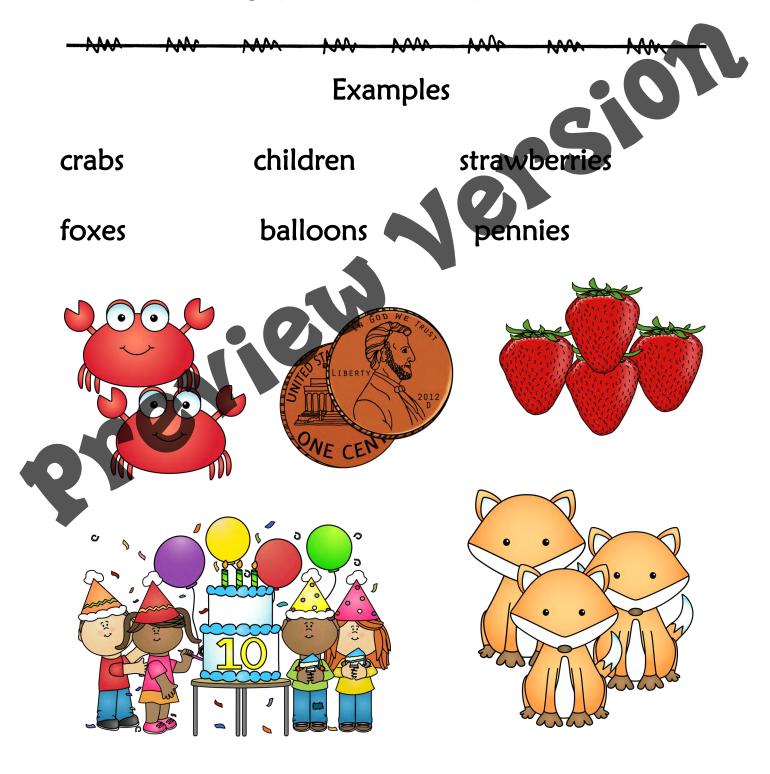
Use pages 29 - 36 for paper and pencil practice or assessment. To use them for cooperative learning practice, have students work with a partner and take turns completing each page. Answer keys are included.



Is It Plural or Possessive? (1-6)

Plural Nouns

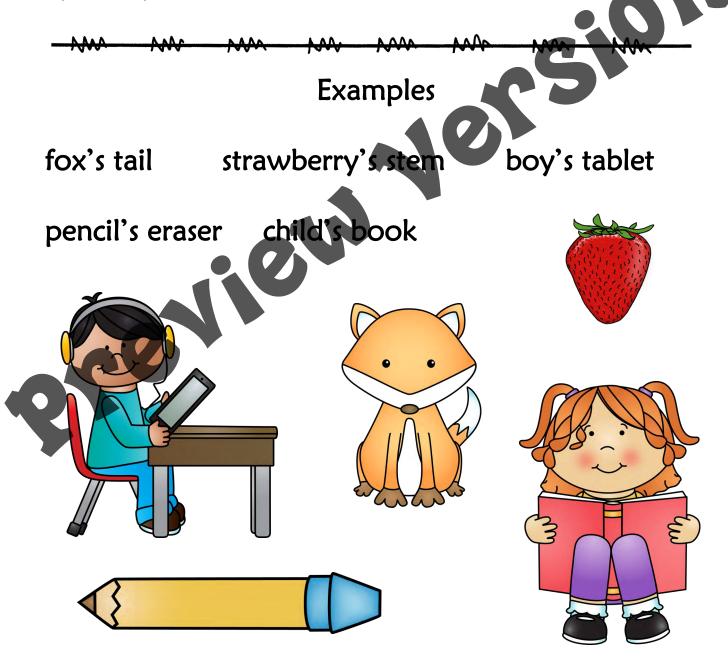
Plural = More than one
Form plural nouns by adding an "s" or by
following special rules for plurals



Possessive Nouns

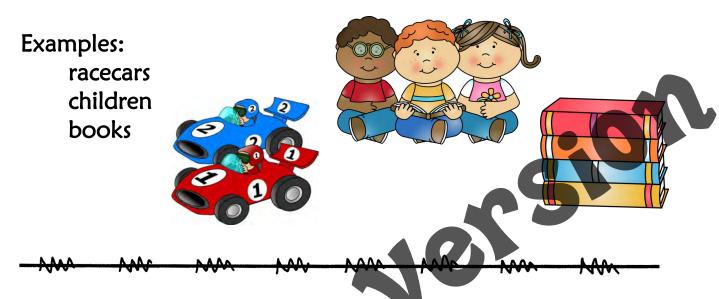
One thing belongs to someone, or one thing is a part of something else

Form a singular possessive noun by adding an apostrophe + s



Plural or Possessive?

Plural Noun = More than one Form plural nouns by adding "s" or following plural rules



Singular Possessive = One thing belongs to, goes with, or is a part of something else

Form a singular possessive noun by adding an apostrophe + s

Examples: umbrella's handle girl's book box's bow

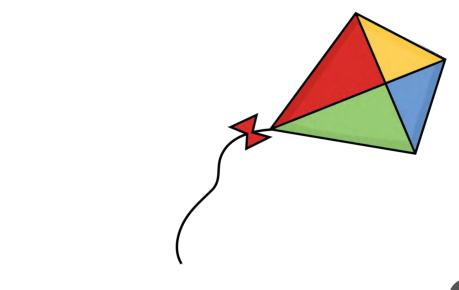
bus's stop sign







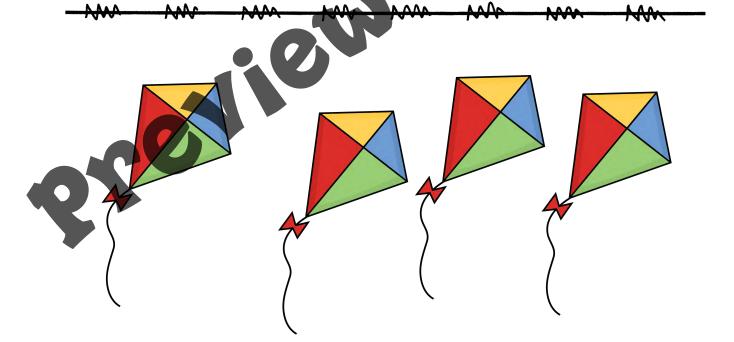




1. A _____ tail helps it fly.

kites

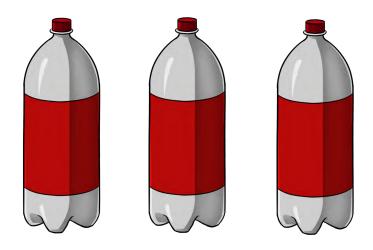
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2. Four _____ flew over the beach.

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kite's





bottles



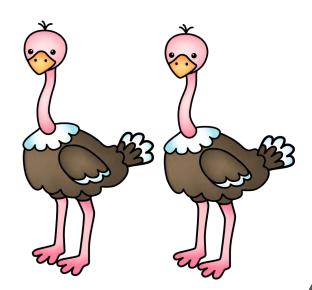




2. The _____ cap is red.

bottles

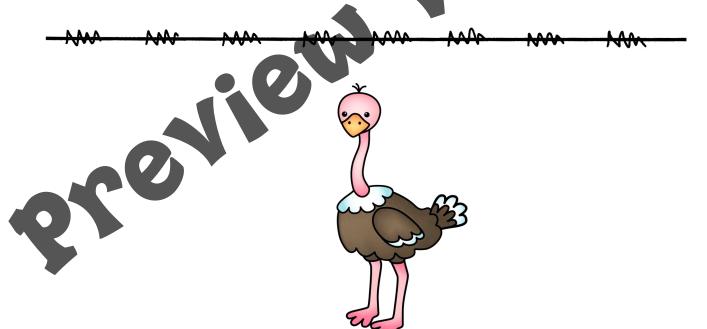
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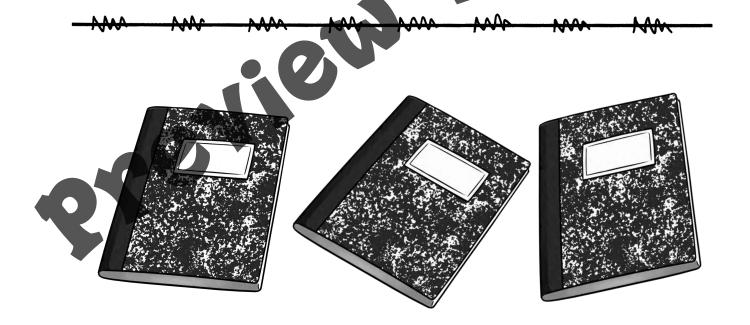
2. The long neck helps it eat grass.

ostriches ostrich's





notebooks



2. You will need three for class.

notebook's

Singular Possessive + Plural Noun

A singular possessive noun followed by a plural noun

 Used when one person or object owns or has more than one thing

Examples:

In each example, which word is possessive and which word is plural?

- guitar's strings
 One guitar has many strings
- 2. cat's whiskers

 One cat has many whiskers
- 3. mouse's earsOne mouse has two ears
- 4. girl's books

 One girl has many books







Matching Plurals and Possessives 1

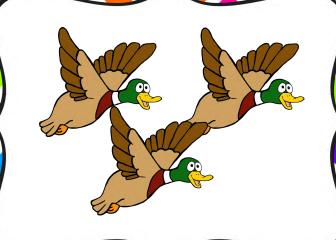
Mrs. Smith put the <u>cupcakes</u> on the plate.



My <u>cupcake's</u> frosting tastes delicious.



Look at those ducks flying over us!



Matching Plurals and Possessives 2



Class Showdown Materials Needed: Task cards Dry erase boards and markers **Directions** Stack the task cards face up so that the 1. answers on the back are hidden, The teacher reads the first card aloud and shows it to the class using a document camera or by writing it on the board. 3. Without talking, each student writes the answer on his or her own dry erase board. Students place their dry erase boards face down when finished. The teacher says "Showdown!" Students flip over boards to show their answers. The teacher checks the boards and explains the correct answer.

Team Showdown



- 1. Stack the task cards face up in the center of the team (answers on back).
- 2. The Leader reads the first card aloud.
- 3. Without talking, everyone (including the Leader) writes the answer on his or her own dry erase board.
- 4. Place boards face down when finished.
- 5. The Leader says "Showdown!"
- 6. Flip over boards and show answers. The Leader turns the task card over to check. Discuss answers that are different and celebrate correct answers.
- 7. If everyone had the correct answer, remove the card from the deck. If not, place it at the bottom to repeat later.
- Rotate Leaders in a clockwise fashion for each round. Repeat as time allows.

Is It Plural or Possessive? (1-6)

1

Five <u>dogs</u> ran across the field.

PL PS

2

Mary's house is next to mine.

PL PS

3

The <u>dog's</u> nose was cold and wet.

PL PS

4

The <u>squirrels</u> climbed the big tree.

PL PS

5

The <u>squirrel's</u> tail is long and fluffy.

PL PS

6

Three <u>balloons</u> floated away.

PL PS

Is It Plural or Possessive? (7-12)

7

Cary's painting looked beautiful.

PL PS

8

I read five <u>books</u> last summer.

PL PS

9

Her <u>bucket's</u> handle was broken.

PL PS

10

The <u>bird's</u> nest was on a high branch.

PL PS

11

A flock of <u>birds</u> landed on the wire.

PL PS

12

My mom bought 4 tickets to the play.

PL PS

Is It Plural or Possessive? (13-18)

13

The <u>cup's</u> rim was cracked.

PL PS

15

I picked up a dozen shells on the beach.

PL PS

17

The <u>chair's</u> cushion is thick and soft.

PL PS

14

A <u>rose's</u> stem has prickly thorns.

PL PS

16

Two <u>foxes</u> dashed across the road.

PL PS

18

We loved seeing the ostriches at the zoo.

PL PS

Is It Plural or Possessive? (19-24)

19

The <u>candle's</u> flame started flickering.

PL PS

21

Alligators have sharp teeth.

PL PS

23

Mr. Davis gave me a handful of pennies.

PL PS

20

The <u>butterfly</u>'s wings were red and blue.

PL PS

22

Sara put <u>candles</u> on her birthday cake.

PL PS

24

A giraffe's neck is long and graceful.

PL PS

21

Is it Plural or Possessive?

Answer Key

Task Card	Answer
1	PL
2	PS
3	PS
4	PL
5	PS
6	P
7	P5
8	PL
9	PS
10	PS
11	PL
12	PL

Task Card	Answer
13	PS
14	PS
15	
16	PL
17	PS
18	PL
19	PS
20	PS
21	PL
22	PL
23	PL
24	PS

Write the Plural or Possessive (1-6)

1

All of the _____ are on the beach.

buckets bucket's

2

Her _____ toy fell on the ground.

babies

baby's

3

The ____ bike had a flat tire.

girls gi

4

My best _____house is near mine.

friends friend's

5

Two _____swam in the pool.

children child's

6

Do you have

any ____?

cat's

Write the Plural or Possessive (7-12)

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7		8
She has five		The
in her desk.		car was stolen.
pencils pencil's		men man's
9		10
Our class has		The cherry
two		smelled delicious!
Saras Sara's		pies pie's
11		12
Three were		Judy bought two
fishing on the beach.		of cookies.
men man's		boxes box's

boxes

box's

Write the Plural or Possessive (13-18)

13

The ____ label was hard to read.

boxes box's

14

Six _____ sat at the round table.

girls girl's

15

The _____ played happily together.

babies baby's

16

A _____ handle must be strong.

buckets bucket's

17

The ____ nest was near the pond.

geese goose's

18

The _____toy was broken.

children child's

Write the Plural or Possessive (19–24)

19

The cherry crust was burned.

> pies pie's

20

desk is next

to the window.

Saras Sara

Becky invited four

to the party.

friends friend's

22

eraser

was worn down.

pencils pencil's

23

fur is

soft and fluffy.

cats cat's

24

A flock of

flew south.

geese goose's

Write the Plural or Possessive

Answer Key

Task Card	Answer
1	buckets
2	baby's
3	girl's
4	friend's
5	children
6	cats
7	pencils
8	man's
9	Saras
10	pies
11	men
12	boxes

Task Card	Answer		
13	box's		
14	girls		
15	babies		
16	bucket's		
17	goose's		
18	child's		
19	pie's		
20	Sara's		
21	friends		
22	pencil's		
23	cat's		
24	geese		

Plural or Possessive Recording Form

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Date _____



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Task Card	Answer
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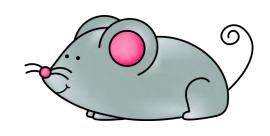
Is It Plural or Possessive?

$Name_{}$			
- Date			

Decide whether the underlined word is a plural noun (PL) or a possessive noun (PS) and circle the correct answer.

1. Greg's house is across the street	PL	PS
2. Ten grapes are hanging from the vine.	PI	PS
3. The <u>tree's</u> branch is broken.	PL	PS
4. Five <u>children</u> play ball together.	PL	PS
5. A flock of birds flew overhead.	PL	PS
6. The king's crown is made of gold.	PL	PS
7. The pink socks have yellow polka dots.	PL	PS
8. Jim jumped into the pile of <u>leaves</u> .	PL	PS
9. <u>Cindy's</u> book is very exciting.	PL	PS
10. The mouse's tail is long and curly.	PL	PS







Practice



Is It Plural or Possessive?

Answer Key

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PL

PS

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4. Five children play ball together.

PL

PS

5. A flock of birds flew overhead.

PL

PS

6. The king's crown is made of gold.

PL

PS

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PL

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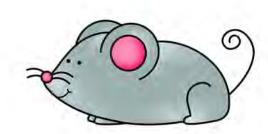
10. The mouse's tail is long and curly.

PL

PS

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Is It Plural or Possessive?

Name	2		
Date			

Decide whether the underlined word is a plural noun (PL) or a possessive noun (PS) and circle the correct answer.

1. Mom bought a bunch bananas.	PL	PS
2. The birthday cake had two <u>layers</u> .	PL	PS
3. Ronald's cat chased after the bird.	PL	PS
4. Monkeys love to climb trees.	PL	PS
5. Our class loved the book's ending!	PL	PS
6. The spider's web felt sticky.	PL	PS
7. Lions have sharp pointed <u>teeth</u> .	PL	PS
8. A herd of horses ran across the field.	PL	PS
9. It was fun to use <u>Polly's</u> new computer.	PL	PS
10. The fish's bowl needs to be cleaned.	PL	PS









Is It Plural or Possessive?

Answer Key

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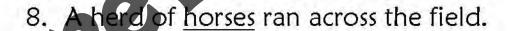
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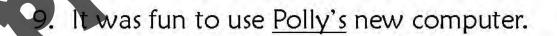
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PL

PS

10. The fish's bowl needs to be cleaned.

PL

PS









Data	Name			
Date	Date _			

1.	Six	_ climbed the tree. (monkey's or monkeys)
2.	The	cover is torn. (book's or books)
3.	bike is l	brand new. (Bob's or Bobs)
4.	I love to eat green	. (grape's or grapes)
5.	My	handle is red. (lunchbox's or lunchboxes)
6.	Twelve	flew over the lake. (goose's or geese)
7.	Cls	ashed our shoes. (Raindrop's or Raindrops)
8.	One dollar equals 100	(penny's or pennies)
9.	The	front wheel was bent. (bicycle's or bicycles)
10	The	colors are lovely! (rainbow's or rainbows







Answer Key

1.	Six	monkeys	climbed the tree.	(monkey	's or	monkevs)
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- 2. The book's cover is torn. (book's or books)
- 3. Bob's bike is brand new. (Bob's or Bobs)
- 4. I love to eat green grapes (grape's or grapes)
- 5. My lunchbox's handle is red. (lunchbox's or lunchboxes)
- 6. Twelve <u>geese</u> flew over the lake. (goose's or geese)
- 7. Raindrops splashed our shoes. (Raindrop's or Raindrops)
- 8. One dollar equals 100 ______ pennies ____ . (penny's or pennies)
- 9. The bicycle's front wheel was bent. (bicycle's or bicycles)
- 10. The <u>rainbow's</u> colors are lovely! (rainbow's or rainbows)









Name	<u> </u>		
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1.	Four	buzzed around the flower. (bee's or bees)
2.	Му	tail is always wagging. (puppy's or puppies
3.	Three	ran up the clock. (mouse's or mice)
4.	The	edge is very sharp. (knife's or knives)
5.		house is across the street. (Carol's or Carols)
6.	A pack of _	chased the fox. (wolf's or wolves)
7.	Seven	floated overhead. (balloon's or balloons)
8.		are usually sold by the dozen. (Egg's or Eggs)
9.	Mrs. Smith	read to her two (child's or children)
10	. The	beard is long and white. (wizard's or wizards







Answer Key

- 1. Four bees buzzed around the flower. (bee's or bees)
- 2. My puppy's tail is always wagging. (puppy's or puppies)
- 3. Three _____ ran up the clock. (mouse's or mice)
- 4. The ____knife's ___ edge is very sharp. (knife's or knives)
- 5. <u>Carol's</u> house is across the street. (Carol's or Carols)
- 6. A pack of wolves chased the fox. (wolf's or wolves)
- 7. Seven balloons floated overhead. (balloon's or balloons)
- 8. Eggs are usually sold by the dozen. (Egg's or Eggs)
- 9. Mrs. Smith read to her two <u>children</u>. (child's or children)
- 10. The wizard's beard is long and white. (wizard's or wizards)

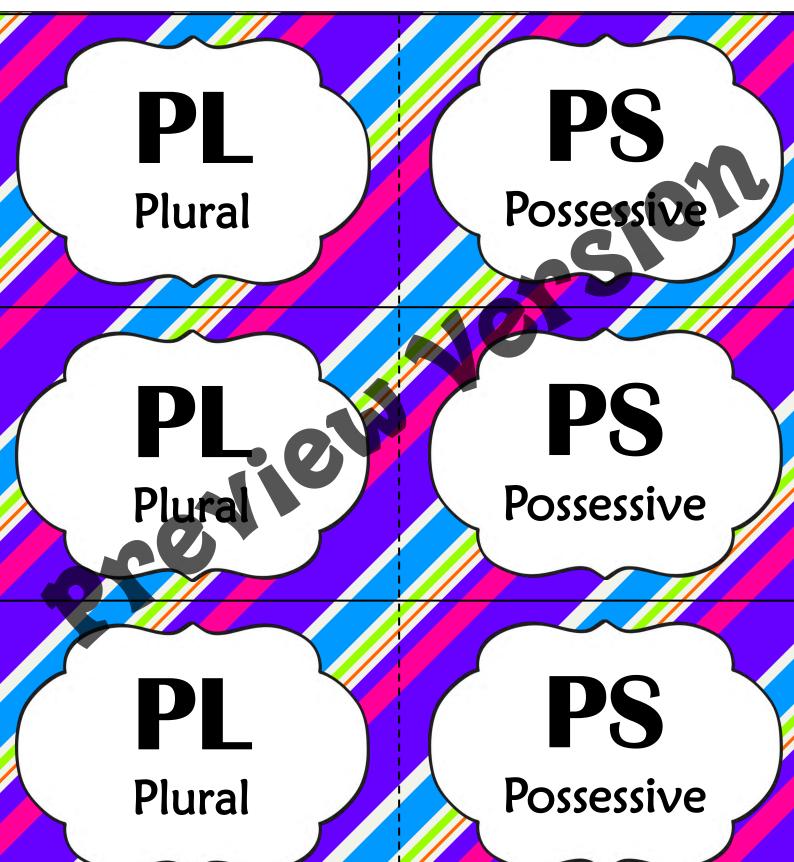






Plural or Possessive Response Cards

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