



Possessive – 's



Do you know the difference between
plural - s and **possessive - 's**?

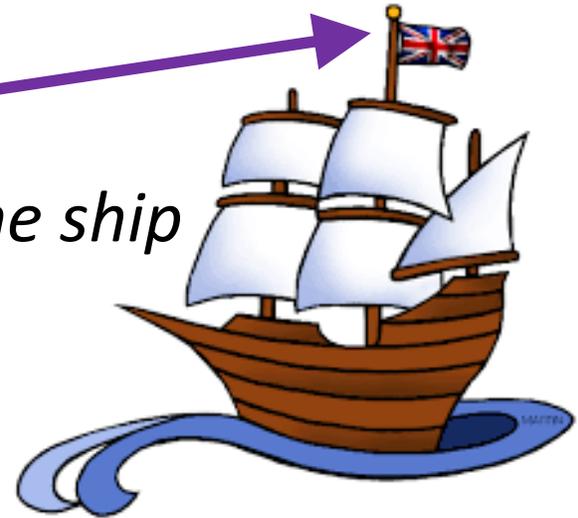


ships

more than one ship

ship's flag

the flag belongs to the ship



Plural - s

A **noun** names a person, place, idea, thing or feeling.



Plurals

→ seas

I must go down to the **seas** again.

→ clouds

... a windy day with the white **clouds** flying.

fellow-rover

... a merry yarn from a laughing **fellow-rover**.

call

... for the **call** of the running tide...



Where in the poem are these nouns used?

If there is more than one of the **noun** we say it is **plural**.

We often show a **noun** is plural by **adding an s**.

Which of the
four nouns
are plural?



Possessive – 's

To show **possession** we add 's to the end of the **noun**.



wheel

the **wheel's** kick

kick

wind

the **wind's** song

song

sail

the white **sail's** shaking

shaking

gull

the **gull's** way

way

whale

the **whale's** way

way



Possession means that something is *owned* by the **noun**.

The 's goes at the end of the **noun**.



Plural -s and possessive - 's

The white clouds were flying. ✓
The white cloud's were flying.

Plural
- add **s**

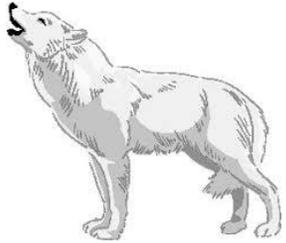


The winds song was calling.
The wind's song was calling. ✓

Possessive
- add **'s**



Which sentence is correct in each pair?



wolf

Plural Possessive - s

If the **noun** already ends in **s** because it is **plural**...
add **'** to the end of that **noun**.

wolf

the **wolf's** fangs

wolves

the **wolves'** fangs

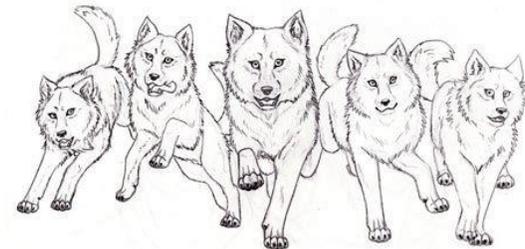
wolf

the **wolf's** blood

wolves

the **wolves'** blood

The **'** goes at the end
of the **noun**.



wolves



If we added another **s** to a **plural noun** it would be hard to say!

ANSWERS

Plural Possessive - s



The wolves' fangs were bared at the doe.

The wolf's fangs were bared at the doe.

The fangs which belonged to **one wolf** were bared at the doe.

The fangs which belonged to **all of the wolves** were bared at the doe.

The wolves sheltered under the tree's branches.

The wolves sheltered under the trees' branches.

The branches which belonged to **one tree** had wolves sheltering underneath.

The branches which belonged to **several trees** had wolves sheltering underneath.

Match the punctuation to the description.

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