



Possessive Nouns

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

Examples: teacher, classroom, backpack, knowledge

A proper noun names a specific person, place, thing, or idea. A proper noun begins with a capital letter.

Examples: Ms. Smith, Silverleaf High School, *American History* (a book)

A possessive noun shows ownership.

Example: Ms. Smith's class at Silverleaf High School is reading about Pocahontas.

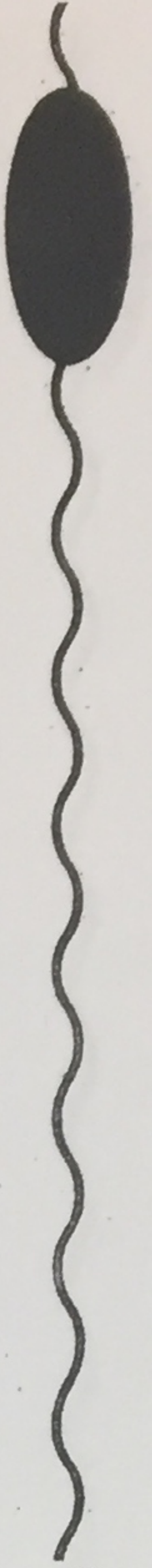
- To make a singular proper noun that ends in -s possessive, add an apostrophe to the end of the noun. You can also add an apostrophe -s ('s) to the end of the noun. Whatever you decide, be consistent.

Example: Charles' sour lemons

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- If a plural noun ends in -s, add an apostrophe to the end of the noun.

Example: the girls' restroom



Rewrite each sentence using a possessive noun.

Example: The restroom of the boys is always filled with trash.

The boys' restroom is always filled with trash.

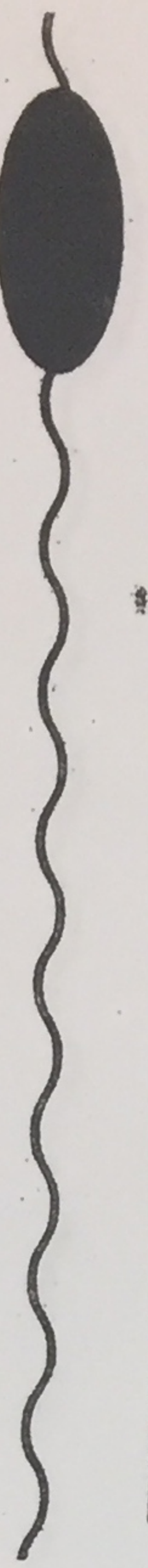
- The marbles that belonged to Kris fell down onto the classroom floor.

- The paperwork is important and it belongs to Mr. Veen.

- The meeting for the principals was held in the school library.

- The doors of the lockers were in need of repair.

- The signs for Lucas were made by his parents.



On a separate sheet of paper, write four sentences that fit the two possessive rules covered on this page.



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Examples: actor, studio, set, fame

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Examples: Jackie Starlet, Hollywood, *On the Lot* (a movie)

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Example: Jackie Starlet's character in *On the Lot* was very believable.

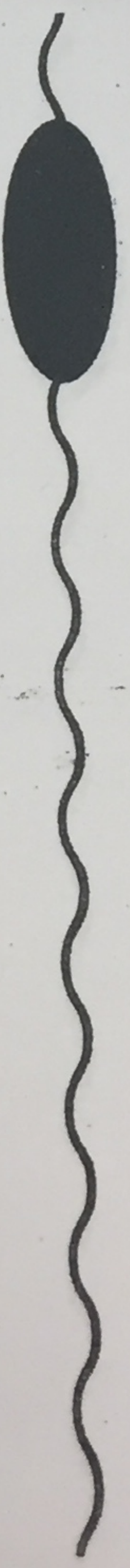
- To make a singular noun possessive, add an apostrophe -s ('s) to the end of the noun.

Example: John's truck

- If the singular noun ends in an -s, you can just add an apostrophe to the end of the noun. You can also add an apostrophe -s ('s) to the end of the noun. Whatever you decide, be consistent.

Example: The dress' hem

Example: My boss's bookmark



Rewrite each sentence using a possessive noun.

Example: Zoe has a new car seat.

Zoe's car seat is new.

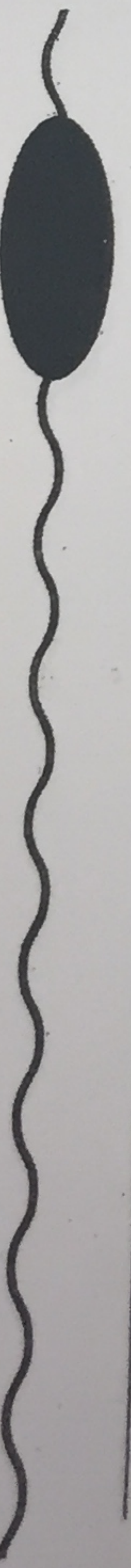
- The seamstress has many different and bright thread colors.

- The hat of the sailor flew overboard.

- The testimony of the witness rang true.

- Eli has an older brother who is in eighth grade.

- The project of the class was to write reports on insects.



Which possessive rule surprised you? Why? Write your response on a separate sheet of paper.