

# Possessive Noun Rules

## Rule One

To show possession, add **'s** to nouns that stand for only *one* person or thing.

**Examples:** mother's basement; class's party

## Rule Two

To show possession for nouns that stand for *more than one* person or thing, add only an *apostrophe* after the final *s*.

**Examples:** lions' mouths; girls' parents

## Rule Three

If a plural noun does not end in the letter *s*, show possession by adding both an *apostrophe* and an *s*.

**Examples:** men's coats; children's books