

Grammar Practice

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9.2 Singular and Plural Nouns

Key Information

A **singular noun** names *one* person, place, thing, or idea. A **plural noun** names *more than one* person, place, thing, or idea.

A **collective noun** names a *group* of people or things. A collective noun is singular when the group acts as a unit. It is plural when each member of the group acts separately.

The class goes to the museum. [singular]

The class exchange presents with one another. [plural]

A. Forming Plural Nouns

Change each noun in italics to its plural form.

1. I wrapped the *glass* before I opened the *box*. _____
2. The *elf* ran after the *wolf*. _____
3. The *chief* wanted the *knife*. _____
4. The *army* fought over who would get the *turkey*. _____
5. For some strange reason, he put the *tomato* next to the *vase* on top of the *radio*.

6. I keep the rabbit *hutch* behind the *shed*. _____
7. Jerry used his *camera* to take the *photo* of the *church*. _____
8. The *dancer* dropped the *mask* whenever the band played the *waltz*. _____

B. Using Collective Nouns

Underline each collective noun, and write whether it is singular or plural.

1. That class share their essays with one another. _____
2. Our debate team wins top honors every year. _____
3. The new band play one another's instruments. _____
4. Our family eats dinner at six. _____
5. Joanie's group outshines the rest. _____
6. Your club has too many members. _____

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9.3 Possessive Nouns

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A **possessive noun** names who or what has something.

This is **grandfather's** watch.
I liked the **actors'** performances.
The **children's** room in the library is my favorite.

Remember that possessive nouns always contain apostrophes. Plural nouns that are not possessive do not.

Have you seen the *pirate's* map? (singular possessive noun)
I went aboard the *pirates'* ship. (plural possessive noun)
I read about the *pirates* in school. (plural noun)

A. Identifying Possessive Nouns

Underline the possessive noun in each sentence, and write whether it is singular or plural.

1. I looked in the cupboard for the cat's food. _____
2. What is your brothers' favorite movie? _____
3. Did you find the boys' hiding place? _____
4. Today is Ms. Mills's birthday. _____
5. Are you the group's new president? _____

B. Using Singular and Plural Possessives

Write the possessive form for each word in italics.

1. I visited my *mother* workplace. _____
2. Did you buy the *dog* food? _____
3. The *team* new uniforms were blue. _____
4. The *surfers* boards are on the beach. _____
5. I combed *Bess* hair carefully. _____
6. *José* new bike is a ten-speed. _____
7. We watched the *soldiers* trucks leave. _____
8. Do you still have your *cousin* phone number? _____