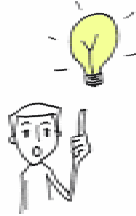


Mr. Taylor's Language Arts Class



Notes on Forming Possessive Nouns

Possession [ownership] can be expressed in different ways. A possessive noun shows who or what owns a thing or a quality.

1. Singular Nouns

to form the possessive of **any singular noun**, add an apostrophe ['] and –s

ex. the lions paw, Chris's cell phone, a puppy's wet nose

2. Plural Nouns ending in s

to form the possessive of **a plural noun ending in s**, simply add an apostrophe [']

ex. the soldiers' uniforms, My sisters' names, the students' grades

3. Plural Nouns not ending in s

to form the possessive of **a plural noun not ending in s**, add an apostrophe ['] and –s

ex. children's songs, the mice's nest, women's team

A Note About Compound Nouns . . .

Don't let compound nouns confuse you. Simply determine if the compound noun is singular or plural and apply the appropriate rule above. Add the apostrophe ['] or apostrophe ['] and –s **at the end of the compound**.

ex. police officer's badge, sister-in-law's job, the classrooms' doors