**Possessive Nouns**

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| Possessive nouns are used to indicate ownership.  Possessive nouns usually are formed by adding an apostrophe (') and s.   * John's book * Kerry's car * Grandma's mirror   When a noun is plural and ends in s, just add an apostrophe (').   * The kids' toys * My parents' house * The teachers' lounge   If two people own one thing, add the apostrophe and s to the second person only.   * John and Mary's new house * David and Sue's wedding * Tom and Doug's car   If two people own separate things, add the apostrophe and s for each person.   * Susan's and Beth's books * Jean's and Dan's pants * Ben's and Jim's offices   **[Quiz 3.1]**  Which of the following is not correct?  1)Dr. Hunts has a new computer. 2)Dr. Hunts's new computer is working well. 3)Dr. Hunts' computer is new.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [3.1] Both 2 and 3 are the correct answers. In your writing, you should be consistent. If you choose to leave the final 's' out, then leave it out throughout your writing. |