

# POSSESSIVE CASE

The possessive case in English is used to show that something belongs to someone or something. It is often formed by adding an apostrophe (') and sometimes an "s" to a noun. Let's break it down for an A1 student with simple explanations and examples.

## Possessive Case Basics

### 1. What is a Possessive Case?

- It shows ownership or that something belongs to someone.
  - i. Example: *John's book* means the book belongs to John.

### 2. How to Form the Possessive Case?

- For **singular nouns**, add an apostrophe + "s" ('s).
  - Example: *The dog's bone* (The bone belongs to the dog.)
- For **plural nouns** that already end in "s," just add an apostrophe (').
  - Example: *The teachers' lounge* (The lounge belongs to the teachers.)
- For **plural nouns** that do not end in "s," add an apostrophe + "s" ('s).
  - Example: *The children's toys* (The toys belong to the children.)

## EXAMPLES

### 1. Singular Nouns:

- **Lisa's pen**
  - This means the pen belongs to Lisa.
- **The cat's tail**
  - This means the tail belongs to the cat.

### 2. Plural Nouns:

- **The students' classroom**
  - This means the classroom belongs to the students. (More than one student)
- **The women's shoes**
  - This means the shoes belong to the women. (More than one woman)

### 3. With Proper Nouns (Names):

- **Mary's dress**
  - This means the dress belongs to Mary.
- **James's car** or **James' car** (both are correct)
  - This means the car belongs to James.

### 4. With Irregular Plurals:

- **The children's playground**
  - This means the playground belongs to the children.
- **The men's restroom**
  - This means the restroom belongs to the men.

## When to Use the Possessive Case?

### 1. For People:

- To show something belongs to a person or people.
  - Example: *Sarah's backpack* (The backpack belongs to Sarah.)

### 2. For Animals:

- To show something belongs to an animal.
  - Example: *The dog's collar* (The collar belongs to the dog.)

### 3. For Groups:

- To show something belongs to a group of people or animals.
  - Example: *The birds' nest* (The nest belongs to the birds.)

## MORE EXAMPLES

1. This is **Tom's bike**. (The bike belongs to Tom.)
2. **The cat's fur** is soft. (The fur belongs to the cat.)
3. **The boys' room** is messy. (The room belongs to the boys.)
4. **Jessica's phone** is ringing. (The phone belongs to Jessica.)
5. **The parents' meeting** is at 7 PM. (The meeting is for the parents.)

**Quick Tips:**

- **Use ('s) for singular nouns** and plural nouns that do not end in "s."
- **Use (') for plural nouns** that already end in "s."
- **Possessive pronouns** like *my, your, his, her, its, our, their* do not need an apostrophe. They already show possession.
  - Example: *This is my book.* (The book belongs to me.)