

A Simple Method to Make Plurals Nouns Possessive

- The crucial question when your mind thinks "S" sound, is to ask whether you mean more than one (plural) or possession (ownership).

1. If you mean more than one, **MAKE THE PLURAL FIRST.**

2. Then **SECOND**, ask yourself if the plural word you just made also has ownership (ex: 1. cats. 2. the food *belonging to* the cats). If so, now simply “bink it.” (“Make the plural, bink the plural.”) cats + ' = cats ' food

— Add **'** to a **plural** word to express ownership.

MAKE THE PLURAL FIRST. THEN MAKE THE POSSESSIVE.
Do the two operations in this order, and do them separately.

Examples:

1. Plural? Yes = + “s” or “es” (“ies” “oes)

2. Possessive? Yes = + ’

two bridges

the two bridges ' cables

two monkeys

the two monkeys ' bananas

two puppies

the two puppies ' toys

two boxes

the two boxes ' lids

two heroes

the two heroes ' wounds

two crashes

the two crashes ' victims

two Franzes

the two Franzes ' shoes

two Mrs. Barneses

the two Mrs. Barneses ' families

► **Treat irregular nouns as though they are singular—add** 's

the children 's parents

the people 's votes

the fish 's pond

the women 's meeting

the mice 's cages

the deer 's habitat

Practice

1. Singular? YES – make the plural

2. Ownership? Yes – add the apostrophe

singular

plural word

possessive

1. witch

2. duty

3. video

4. Max

5. hero

6. story

7. alley

8. bus
