

CLASS : 4

SUBJECT : ENGLISH GRAMMAR

LESSON : 8

THE NOUN : POSSESSIVE FORM

The possessive form of a noun shows belonging or ownership.

Example:

1. Riya's doll is very expensive.

2. This is Priya's purse.

Formation of possessive form of singular nouns:

1. By adding apostrophe('s) to the nouns:

Example:

Doctor's clinic

boy's pen

Somu's car

2. The letter 's' is not used with those words that end with 's' or have too many hissing sound. Only an apostrophe is added at the end of such words.

Example:

Dennis' book

James' movies

Manas' bicycle

Note: The possessive case is mainly used with the names of living things; as

tiger's skin

cat's paw

girl's book

We use preposition 'of' for non- living things; as

lab of school

handle of the pan

Formation of possessive form of plural nouns:

1. If a plural noun ends with 's' then by adding only an apostrophe('); as

boys' shoes

girls' costumes

2.If a plural noun does not end with 's' then by adding('s) ; as

children's toys

men's shoes

women's rights

EXERCISES:

A. Form the possessive case of the following groups of words: page no. 43

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| 1. The speech of the President | <u>The President's speech</u> |
| 2. The kingdom of emperor Ashoka | <u>Emperor Ashoka's kingdom</u> |
| 3. The teachings of Buddha | <u>Buddha's teachings</u> |
| 4. The Constitution of India | <u>India's Constitution</u> |
| 5. The plays of William Shakespeare | <u>William Shakespeare's plays</u> |
| 6. The poetry of William Wordsworth | <u>William Wordsworth's poetry</u> |
| 7. The essays of Francis Bacon | <u>Francis Bacon's essays</u> |
| 8. The writings of Charles Lamb | <u>Charles Lamb's writings</u> |
| 9. The collected works of William Blake | <u>William Blake's collected works</u> |
| 10. The novels of R.K. Narayan | <u>R.K. Narayan's novels</u> |

B. Rewrite the following sentences by changing underlined words into possessive

case: page no.44

1. The hostel of boys is not very far from here.
Boys' hostel is not very far from here.
2. The costumes of singers are very attractive.
Singers' costumes are very attractive.
3. The long and colourful feathers of peacock attract everyone.
The long and colourful peacock's feathers attract everyone.
4. The novels of Leo Tolstoy are popular the world over.
Leo Tolstoy's novels are popular the world over.

5. The speech of Antony was very powerful.
Antony's speech was very powerful.
6. The mane of this horse is very long.
This horse's mane is very long.
7. The toys of babies are sold in this shop.
Babies' toys are sold in this shop.
8. The songs of Kishore Kumar are very popular.
Kishore Kumar's songs are very popular.
9. The law will safeguard the rights of the people.
This law will safeguard the people's rights
10. The house of my friend is near this park.
My friend's house is near this park.

C. Choose the correct possessive form ('s or ') page no. 45

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| 1. ant's legs | (✓) | ants' legs | () |
| 2. bear's ears | () | bears' ears | (✓) |
| 3. dragonfly's wings | () | dragonflies' wings | (✓) |
| 4. sheep's hooves | (✓) | sheep' hooves | () |

D. Tick(✓) the correct possessive form: page no. 45

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| 1. the handle of the bag(✓) | the bag's handle | () |
| 2. the tail of the cat () | the cat's tail | (✓) |
| 3. the house's door () | the door of the house | (✓) |
| 4. the farmer's hat (✓) | the hat of the farmer | () |