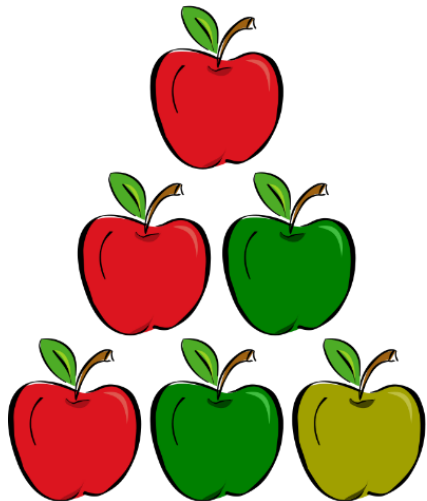


Possessive vs Plural



Possessive

- When to use apostrophe s ('s)
 - Use 'S to show that something belongs to someone or is owned by someone, as in:
 - The boy'S pizza - (The pizza belongs to the boy)
 - The woman'S hat (The hat belongs to the woman)
 - Use apostrophe (') alone if the owner's name is plural and ends in (s), as in:
 - The boyS' pizza (The pizza belongs to the boys)
 - If the owner's name is plural but does not end in (s), add apostrophe s ('s), as in:
 - The children'S toys

Plural

- When to use just (s)
 - Use (s) alone at the end of a word to show the plural form of a noun.
 - One boy – three boyS
 - One apple – five appleS

Note: Never use ('s) to signal the plural form of a noun.

I have three kid's. (Incorrect) ✘

I have three kids. (Correct) ✔

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