Possessive Nouns

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **possessive noun** shows who owns something. For one owner, add **'s**: *the dog's bone*. For more than one owner ending in s, add just an **apostrophe**: *the dogs' bones*. For plurals that do not end in s, add **'s**: *the children's toys*.

Shortcut: *the tail of the cat* → **the cat's tail** · *the toys of the babies* → **the babies' toys**



1. Make it possessive

Rewrite each phrase using a possessive noun.

1. the tail of the cat

_____

2. the bike of Jamal

_____

3. the nest of the robin

_____

4. the backpacks of the students

_____

5. the room of the twins

_____

6. the toys of the children

_____

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2. Choose the possessive

Circle the possessive noun that fits.

1. _____ dog loves to swim. — Lucys / Lucy's / Lucys'
2. The _____ roar was loud. — lion's / lions / lions's
3. We cleaned the _____ cages. (three hamsters) — hamster's / hamsters / hamsters'
4. My _____ car is red. (one uncle) — uncles' / uncle's / uncles
5. The _____ cheers filled the gym. (many fans) — fans / fan's / fans'
6. The _____ lunches were packed. (the people) — people's / peoples' / peoples

Answer Key

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1. Make it possessive

These are the correct answers.

1. the tail of the cat
   the cat's tail
2. the bike of Jamal
   Jamal's bike
3. the nest of the robin
   the robin's nest
4. the backpacks of the students
   the students' backpacks
5. the room of the twins
   the twins' room
6. the toys of the children
   the children's toys

2. Choose the possessive

1. **Lucy's** dog loves to swim.
   Lucys | **Lucy's** | Lucys'
2. The **lion's** roar was loud.
   lion's | lions | lions's
3. We cleaned the **hamsters'** cages. (three hamsters)
   hamster's | hamsters | **hamsters'**
4. My **uncle's** car is red. (one uncle)
   uncles' | **uncle's** | uncles
5. The **fans'** cheers filled the gym. (many fans)
   fans | fan's | **fans'**
6. The **people's** lunches were packed. (the people)
   people's | peoples' | peoples