



Possessive 's:

Possessive Apostrophe: Plural & Irregular Nouns

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The ___ playground is very large.
a) children's
b) childrens
c) childrens'
d) children
- The ___ changing room is on the left.
a) boy's
b) boys'
c) boys
d) boyes'
- This is my ___ bicycle. He got it for his birthday.
a) sons'
b) sons
c) son's
d) sones'
- The ___ rest room is upstairs.
a) womens'
b) womens
c) woman's
d) women's
- All the ___ uniforms must be clean for Monday.
a) students'
b) student's
c) students
d) studentes'
- ___ poetry is studied in many schools.
a) Keat's
b) Keats
c) Keats's
d) Keats'es
- All the ___ shoes were left by the door.
a) guest's
b) guestes'
c) guests
d) guests'
- The ___ teeth need to be checked every six months.
a) peoples'
b) people's
c) peoples
d) people
- Both ___ cars were parked in the driveway.
a) neighbour's
b) neighbours
c) neighboures'
d) neighbours'
- My ___ new book was published last week.
a) boss's
b) boss'es
c) bosses
d) bos's
- The ___ coats are hanging in the hall.
a) mens'
b) mens
c) men's
d) man's

12. All the ___ desks will be replaced next month.
a) teacher's
b) teachers'
c) teachers
d) teacheres'
13. Have you read ___ latest novel?
a) Dickenses
b) Dicken's
c) Dickens'es
d) Dickens's
14. The ___ wool is used to make sweaters.
a) sheeps'
b) sheeps
c) sheep
d) sheep's
15. The ___ bedroom is very messy. They never tidy up.
a) girls'
b) girl's
c) girls
d) girles'
16. My ___ house has a big garden. He lives alone.
a) uncles'
b) uncle's
c) uncles
d) uncle
17. The little ___ feet were covered in mud. They ran across the field.
a) mices'
b) mouse's
c) mices
d) mice's
18. All the ___ meeting lasted two hours.
a) managers
b) manageres'
c) managers'
d) manager's
19. I always enjoy ___ classes. She is an excellent professor.
a) Mrs Jones's
b) Mrs Joneses
c) Mrs Jone's
d) Mrs Jones
20. The ___ rights must be protected.
a) worker's
b) workers
c) workers'
d) workeres'



Answers

1. a) children's
2. b) boys'
3. c) son's
4. d) women's
5. a) students'
6. c) Keats's
7. d) guests'
8. b) people's
9. d) neighbours'
10. a) boss's
11. c) men's
12. b) teachers'
13. d) Dickens's
14. d) sheep's
15. a) girls'
16. b) uncle's
17. d) mice's
18. c) managers'
19. a) Mrs Jones's
20. c) workers'



Explanations

1. “children's” (a)

'Children' is an irregular plural (it doesn't end in -s), so we add 's: children's playground.

2. “boys” (b)

'Boys' is a regular plural ending in -s. Just add an apostrophe after the s: boys' changing room.

3. “son's” (c)

One son — use singular possessive 's: son's bicycle. The word 'He' confirms it's one son.

4. “women's” (d)

'Women' is an irregular plural (no -s ending), so we add 's: women's rest room.

5. “students” (a)

'All the students' tells us it's plural. Regular plural + apostrophe only: students' uniforms.

6. “Keats's” (c)

For names ending in -s, we usually add 's: Keats's poetry. (Keats' is also acceptable.)

7. “guests” (d)

'All the guests' tells us there are multiple guests. Regular plural + apostrophe: guests' shoes.

8. “people's” (b)

'People' is an irregular plural (no -s ending), so add 's: people's teeth.

9. “neighbours” (d)

'Both neighbours' means more than one. Regular plural + apostrophe: neighbours' cars.

10. “boss's” (a)

One boss — even though 'boss' ends in -s, it's singular, so add 's: boss's book.

11. “men's” (c)

'Men' is an irregular plural, so add 's: men's coats.

12. “teachers” (b)

'All the teachers' means plural. Regular plural ending in -s + apostrophe: teachers' desks.

13. “Dickens's” (d)

For names ending in -s, add 's: Dickens's novel. (Dickens' is also widely accepted.)

14. “sheep's” (d)

'Sheep' is the same in singular and plural. Since it doesn't end in -s, add 's: sheep's wool.

15. “girls” (a)

'They' tells us it's multiple girls sharing a room. Regular plural + apostrophe: girls' bedroom.

16. “uncle's” (b)

'He lives alone' confirms one uncle. Singular possessive 's: uncle's house.

17. “mice's” (d)

'They' confirms multiple mice. 'Mice' is an irregular plural, so add 's: mice's feet.

18. “managers’” (c)

'All the managers' tells us it's plural. Regular plural + apostrophe: managers' meeting.

19. “Mrs Jones’s” (a)

Names ending in -s take 's for possession: Mrs Jones's classes. 'She' confirms one person.

20. “workers’” (c)

Workers (plural, ending in -s) + apostrophe: workers' rights — the rights of all workers.