

**Course: Preparatory English**

**Course Code: ENGL 100**

**Topic: Possessive of Nouns**

**Skill: Grammar**

Possessive of Nouns is a word derived from a noun and expressing possession of a thing and shows ownership by adding an apostrophe, an "s" or both. To make a single noun possessive, simply add an apostrophe and a "s.". When a noun ends with an "s", or an "n" only an apostrophe is added.

Los sustantivos posesivos son los que se derivan del mismo sustantivo con una expresión de propiedad, esto se expresa mediante un apóstrofe, una s o ambos juntos. Es decir, para convertir un sustantivo en posesivo se utiliza un apóstrofe y una s. Cuando el sustantivo termina en "s" o en "n" solamente se utiliza un apóstrofe.

### Examples:

- a) Jennifer's imagination ran wild as she pictured the accident.
- b) The kitten's toy is a stuffed catnip mouse.

Existen casos irregulares donde se le añade un apóstrofe al frente de la "S".

**Ojo:** en el español, los sustantivos no se derivan en sustantivos posesivos, se utiliza un pronombre.

Si traducimos el ejemplo A) al español, utilizaríamos el pronombre "Su", "Su imaginación se volvió loca cuando se imaginó el accidente".

### Exercises:

1. I met \_\_\_\_ when I was at the store. (the daughter of Mrs. Brown)
  - a) Mrs. Browns' daughter
  - b) Mrs. Brown's daughter
  - c) Mrs. Browns's daughter

2. Why are you reading \_\_\_\_? (the newspaper from yesterday)
- a) yesterday's newspaper
  - b) yesterdays' newspaper
  - c) yesterday's new'spaper
3. Sarah is \_\_\_\_\_. (the name of my wife)
- a) my wife's name
  - b) my wifes' name
  - c) my name's wife
4. \_\_\_\_ is about to leave. (the friend of Paul)
- a. Pauls' friend
  - b. Pauls's friend
  - c. Paul's friend
5. On Thanksgiving, \_\_\_\_\_ is short! (the life of a turkey)
- a. a turkey's life
  - b. a turkeys' life
  - c. a turkeys's life

### **Web Resources:**

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A93MjbGzZeM>

Quizzes

<http://www.english-zone.com/spelling/poss2.html>

Games

<http://www.spellingcity.com/possessive-nouns.html>

### **References:**

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/possessive-noun>

<http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/parts-of-speech/nouns/Possessive-Nouns.html>