

# APOSTROPHE S - ('S)

POSSESSIVE CASE - GENITIVE CASE

## WHAT IS THE APOSTROPHE S?

The Apostrophe S is normally used to show possession, that there is a relationship between two things or that something belongs to another.

- John's car (= The car of John. The car belongs to John)

## SINGULAR NOUNS

### Add -'S

- We went to Ange's house last night.
- Have you seen the dog's bone?

## PLURAL NOUNS ENDING IN -S

### Only add the apostrophe -'

- I went to my friends' party. (= the party of your friends)
- My cousins' house is always a mess. (= your cousins)

## PLURAL NOUNS NOT ENDING IN -S

### Add -'S

- The children's toys are all over the room.
- The men's toilet was disgusting.

## SINGULAR NOUNS ENDING IN -S

### Add -'S

- The actress's role was very difficult.
- Mr Lewis's dog always comes onto our property.

## AS A PART OF A PHRASE

### Add -'S or only the -' depending on the rules above

- The President of Chile's speech was too long.
- I had to give two weeks' notice I was leaving.

## NO NOUN

Sometimes the noun after -'S is not necessary when the meaning is clear.

- My car is older than John's. (= John's car)