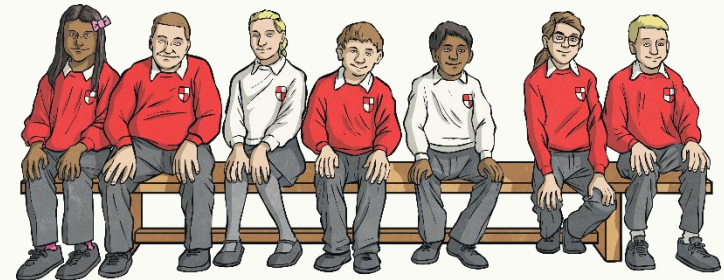


# What Is Plural Possession?

Apostrophes can be used to show that something belongs to someone or something. This is called **possession**. When we are talking about more than one thing, we call this **plural**.



The **dogs'** leads were too long.



The **children's** lunch was delayed.

If the noun is plural and ends with an s, we just attach the apostrophe to it without an additional s.

If the noun is plural and does not end with s, we add 's to the end.

# Plural Possession

Look at the table below. You have the singular noun, then the plural and then where the apostrophe needs to be to show plural possession.

Singular	Plural	Plural Possession
kitten	kittens	kittens'
actress	actresses	actresses'
baby	babies	babies'
knife	knives	knives'
child	children	children's
volcano	volcanoes	volcanoes'

# Plural Possession

Plural nouns can be spelt using a variety of different letter endings. As long as the noun ends with an 's', we still show an apostrophe of possession using an apostrophe without an 's' after it.



The boys' fancy dress costumes attracted a lot of attention.



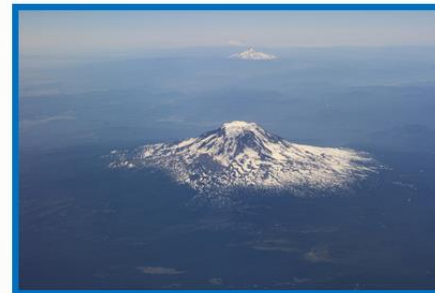
The loaves' glaze is shiny.



The ponies' diet is mostly grass.



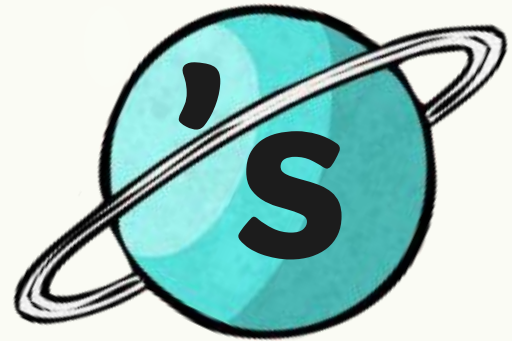
The houses' chimneys are all made from brick.



Two of the cascade volcanoes' summits are visible in this photo.

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Read the words below and decide whether they would need just an apostrophe ('), or an apostrophe followed by an s ('s) to show **plural possession**.



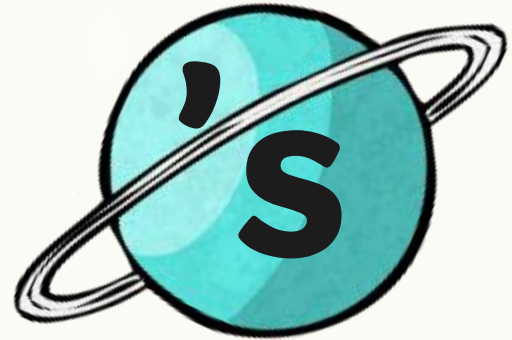
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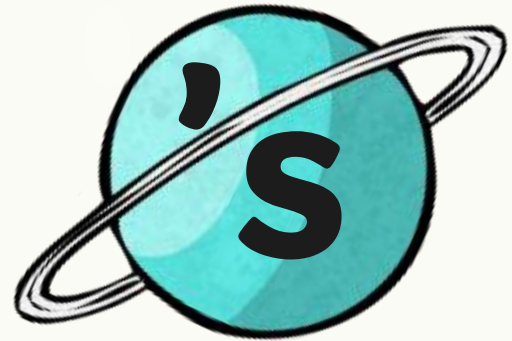
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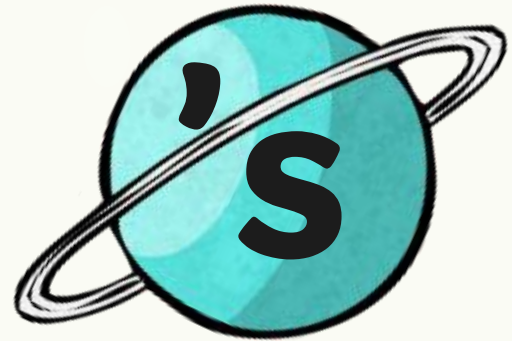
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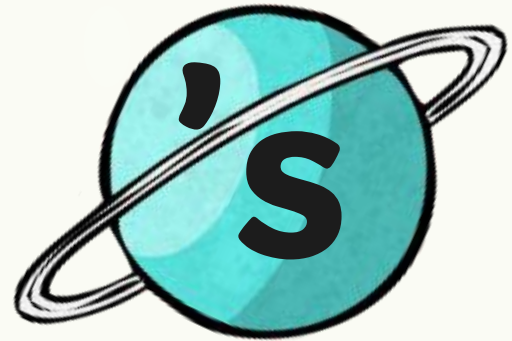
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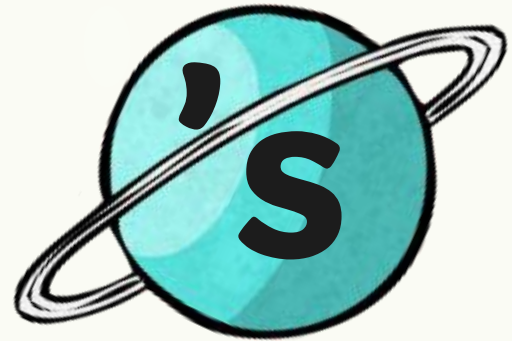
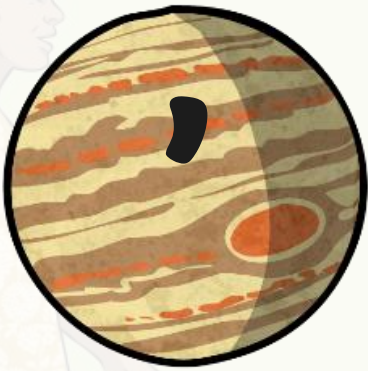
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# Which Word Is Correct?

Read the sentences below and decide which word should go in the gap.  
Which one accurately shows **plural possession**?

The planets' orbits all centre around the star.

planets / planet's / planets' / planets's

Some lice's eggs are difficult to remove.

lices / lice's / lices' / lices's

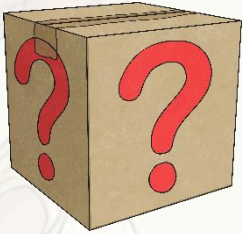
All of the teeth's cavities must be filled.

teeths / teeth's / teeths' / teeths's



# Which Word Is Correct?

Read the sentences below and decide on the plural which should go in the gap. Punctuate the word so that it accurately shows **plural possession**.



Astonishingly, the boxes' contents did not weigh much.

singular noun: box

plural noun: boxes

Most of the cliffs' faces were crumbling.

singular noun: cliff

plural noun: cliffs



The animals' footprints all lead towards the hut.

singular noun: animal

plural noun: animals

