# Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns



#### **Nouns**

#### People, places, and things

#### **Examples**

- tacos
- Italy
- Count Dracula
- dreams



## Singular Noun

One person, place, or thing.

Ex: Oh no, I missed the bus again.

#### Plural Noun

More than one person, place, or thing.

Ex: I don't like busses anyway.

## **Pluralizing Nouns**

Usually, just add an -s.

Ex: hat => hats

Sometimes add -es
If the word ends with an -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, or -z (and most words that end in -o).

Ex: kiss => kisses

Sometimes remove the -y and add -ies
 If the word ends in a consonant and a y.

Ex: baby => babies

## Pluralizing Nouns (continued)

Sometimes leave the -y alone and just add -s
 If the word ends in a vowel followed by -y

Ex: boy => boys

• Sometimes remove the -f or -fe and add -ves Words like wolf, loaf, and wife follow this rule.

Ex: knife => knives

Some words have different forms
 Words like mice, teeth, and feet.

Ex: child => children

#### Who Cares?

Some people judge you when you spell words incorrectly.

Learning how to pluralize nouns will help you spell words correctly.

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#### **Possessive Nouns**

#### Show possession or ownership.

- Grandma's hat has a big flower on it.
- We're going for a ride in Zerg's spaceship.
- Did you complete today's assignment?

The **apostrophe** indicates posses
What else can an **apostrophe** do



### **Making Possessive Nouns**

Usually just add an apostrophe and an -s.

**Ex:** Bob => Bob's

But, with words that end in a -z sound, just add an apostrophe.

Ex: students => students'

cars => cars'

Flanders => Flanders'

# **Examples of Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns**

We went to Super Jamie's headquarters.

Is **Super Jamie's** a singular, plural or possessive noun?

**Possessive Noun** 



# **Examples of Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns**

Captain Kevin can make tornadoes appear out of thin air.

What about *Captain Kevin*, tornadoes, and air? Singular, plural or possessive nouns?

Singular Noun Plural Noun Singular Noun



# **Examples of Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns**

Super Chris's power is to save the Earth.

How about *Super Chris's* and *Earth*? Are they singular, plural or possessive nouns?

Possessive Noun Singular Noun



#### Review

- One person, place, or thing is singular.
- Two or more is plural.
  - Usually, just **add an -**s to pluralize, but sometimes add -*es*, or drop the -*y* and add -*ies*.
- Possessive nouns show ownership.
  - Add an apostrophe to the noun and an -s if the word doesn't end in a z sound.

