

POSSESSIVE NOUNS

A. Read the sentences below. Underline singular possessives once and plural possessives twice.

1. Brian Robeson's adventure took place in Canada's wilderness.
2. The pilot's heart attack prevented Brian from reaching his father's house.
3. Brian thought his parents' television set would broadcast news of his disappearance.
4. The plane's cables formed a "birdcage" that almost trapped him underwater.
5. After one hard day's work Brian's efforts paid off.

B. Read the sentences below. Identify the underlined noun in each sentence as either *singular possessive* or *plural possessive*.

1. The forest's beauty filled Brian with awe. _____
2. The problems' solutions became apparent when Brian relaxed. _____
3. Thoughts of the survival pack's contents kept Brian going. _____
4. Brian cleaned away the fuselage's whole side and top. _____
5. This boy's good sense kept him alive in the wilderness! _____

RETEACHING: A **possessive noun** shows ownership. To form the possessive of a singular noun, including those ending in s, x, and z, add 's. To form the possessive of a plural noun ending in s, add an apostrophe. To form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in s, add 's.



Research and write five interesting facts about the wilderness. Use a possessive noun for each fact that you write.

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A. Underline the correct form of the possessive noun in each sentence below.

1. (Charles's, Charles') story entertained his entire class.
2. The path led to the (Photography Association's, Photography Associations') cabin.
3. (Kendra Hawkers', Kendra Hawker's) vivid photos highlight animal habitats.
4. Sam set his (video club's, video clubs') equipment at the edge of the forest.
5. Several students participated in the (newspapers', newspaper's) photography contest.
6. The two (photographers', photographer's) portfolios were filled with interesting photos.

B. Read each sentence below. Then write the possessive noun and the word that it identifies on the line.

1. The painters' conference was in Boston. _____
2. Mrs. Raulerson's statements were concise. _____
3. The boxes' contents spilled out of their tops. _____
4. Venus's atmosphere does not contain oxygen. _____
5. The player's attitude helped her team. _____
6. Mr. Roqmoore's presence was highly valued. _____

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Is the underlined possessive noun correct? Fill in the circle next to the right answer.

- The survivors' good sense helped him solve problems.
 a survivor's
 b survivors's
 c correct as is
- The mosquitoes' attack escaped Brian's notice.
 a mosquitoes
 b mosquitos'
 c correct as is
- The young mans' adventure was filled with challenges.
 a men
 b man's
 c correct as is
- Mrs. Robesons parting gift helped her son survive.
 a Robesons'
 b Robeson's
 c correct as is
- Hatchet* is Chris's favorite novel.
 a Chris'
 b Chris
 c correct as is
- The planes's tail did not sink.
 a planes'
 b plane's
 c correct as is
- The American Library Associations list of award winners is filled with adventure stories.
 a American Library Associations'
 b American Library Association's
 c correct as is
- The girl's group returned with armloads of adventure stories.
 a girls's
 b girls
 c correct as is
- Mrs. Jones's class just finished reading *Hatchet*.
 a Mrs. Jone's
 b Mrs. Jones
 c correct as is
- Many people have favorable opinions of Gary Paulsons' books.
 a Paulson's
 b Paulsons's
 c correct as is

- B.**
1. forest's, singular possessive
 2. problems', plural possessive
 3. pack's, singular possessive
 4. fuselage's singular possessive
 5. boy's, singular possessive

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- A.**
1. Charles's
 2. Photography Association's
 3. Kendra Hawker's
 4. video club's
 5. newspaper's
 6. photographers'
- B.**
1. painters' conference
 2. Mrs. Raulerson's statements
 3. boxes' contents
 4. Venus's atmosphere
 5. player's attitude
 6. Mr. Roqmoore's presence

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| 1. a | 3. b | 5. c | 7. b | 9. c |
| 2. c | 4. b | 6. b | 8. c | 10. a |

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