Word Clue Sort

Find clues that show many or belonging.

2.LF.17.a "Identify possessives and plurals and use them as clues to the meaning of text."

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MORE THAN ONE

An s at the end of a naming word can mean more than one.

Four **ducks** swim.

SHOWS BELONGING

An apostrophe and s ('s) can show that something belongs to someone or something.

The **fox's** tail is red.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MANY or OWN for each bold word, then choose two item numbers and write how the bold words helped you decide.

1. Three **kites** flew high. MANY OWN
2. **Mia's** coat is wet. MANY OWN
3. The **bird's** nest is in the tree. MANY OWN
4. Two **bikes** stood by the gate. MANY OWN
5. Five **frogs** jumped. MANY OWN
6. The **cups** are on the shelf. MANY OWN
7. **Dad's** hat fell off. MANY OWN
8. The **dog's** bowl is empty. MANY OWN

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a word that means more than one and one new sentence with a word that shows belonging. Underline each clue word.

MANY _____

OWN _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both kinds of clue words. Underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Three **kites** flew high.	**MANY**	Kites means more than one kite.
2	**Mia's** coat is wet.	**OWN**	Mia's shows that the coat belongs to Mia.
3	The **bird's** nest is in the tree.	**OWN**	Bird's shows that the nest belongs to the bird.
4	Two **bikes** stood by the gate.	**MANY**	Bikes means more than one bike.
5	Five **frogs** jumped.	**MANY**	Frogs means more than one frog.
6	The **cups** are on the shelf.	**MANY**	Cups means more than one cup.
7	**Dad's** hat fell off.	**OWN**	Dad's shows that the hat belongs to Dad.
8	The **dog's** bowl is empty.	**OWN**	Dog's shows that the bowl belongs to the dog.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MANY**: The pigs sleep.
- **OWN**: The cat's dish is clean.

Challenge: The girl's books fell.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect a plural word to more than one or a possessive word to belonging. For example, item 5 tells about more than one frog, and item 7 tells whose hat fell.