Word Clue Hunt

Sort words that show many or show belonging.

2.LF.17 "Analyze meaningful parts of words and phrases in discussions and/or text. a. Identify possessives and plurals and use them as clues to the meaning of text. b..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

MORE THAN ONE

An s at the end of a word can mean more than one. Use the sentence to check what the word means.

The **goats** chew hay.

BELONGS TO ONE

An apostrophe and s can show that something belongs to one person or animal. Look for the thing that belongs to it.

The **goat's** bell rings.

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1 SORT, circle MANY or OWN for each bold word, then in Part 2 PROVE IT, pick two numbers and explain how you knew.

1. The **birds** fly over the park. MANY OWN

2. The **boy's** kite got stuck. MANY OWN

3. The **girl's** scarf is red. MANY OWN

4. The **trees** sway in the wind. MANY OWN

5. The **clouds** cover the sun. MANY OWN

6. The **dog's** leash is blue. MANY OWN

7. The **pups** race across the grass. MANY OWN

8. The **flowers** grow near the path. 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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write a new sentence with a MANY word and a new sentence with an OWN word. Underline each word.

MANY _____

OWN _____

CHALLENGE

Challenge: Write two sentences about the same animal. Use its plural word in one sentence and its one-owner word with an apostrophe in the other. Underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **birds** fly over the park.	**MANY**	Birds means more than one bird.
2	The **boy's** kite got stuck.	**OWN**	The apostrophe and s show that the kite belongs to the boy.
3	The **girl's** scarf is red.	**OWN**	The apostrophe and s show that the scarf belongs to the girl.
4	The **trees** sway in the wind.	**MANY**	Trees means more than one tree.
5	The **clouds** cover the sun.	**MANY**	Clouds means more than one cloud.
6	The **dog's** leash is blue.	**OWN**	The apostrophe and s show that the leash belongs to the dog.
7	The **pups** race across the grass.	**MANY**	Pups means more than one pup.
8	The **flowers** grow near the path.	**MANY**	Flowers means more than one flower.

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 boats float on the lake.
- **OWN**: The rabbit's ears are long.

Challenge: The frogs hop by the stream. The frog's legs are strong.

For Part 2, look for an explanation of both the ending and its meaning. For example, item 2 shows that the kite belongs to the boy, while item 4 names more than one tree.