# Many Owners

Find phrases that show more than one owner.

**3.L.GC.1.37** "Mechanics: Use apostrophes to form plural possessive nouns. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

**PLURAL POSSESSIVE**

A plural possessive noun names more than one owner. For most plural nouns ending in s, put the apostrophe after the s.

the bakers' ovens

**NOT A PLURAL POSSESSIVE**

This phrase does not name more than one owner. It may name one owner or no owner.

the baker's oven

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle PLURAL or OTHER for each phrase, then choose two items and explain how you know where each belongs.

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|---|---|---|
| **1.** | the dancers' shoes | PLURAL OTHER |
| **2.** | the foxes' den | PLURAL OTHER |
| **3.** | the girl's backpack | PLURAL OTHER |
| **4.** | the babies' blankets | PLURAL OTHER |
| **5.** | the trucks move | PLURAL OTHER |
| **6.** | the child's toy | PLURAL OTHER |
| **7.** | the players' jerseys | PLURAL OTHER |
| **8.** | the teachers' desks | PLURAL OTHER |

## 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 phrase with a plural possessive noun and one new phrase that does not have a plural possessive noun.

**PLURAL** _____

**OTHER** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write one sentence that uses two plural possessive nouns.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 3 · 3.L.GC.1.37**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | the dancers' shoes | **PLURAL** | Dancers is plural and the apostrophe shows that the shoes belong to the dancers. |
| 2 | the foxes' den | **PLURAL** | Foxes is plural and the apostrophe shows that the den belongs to the foxes. |
| 3 | the girl's backpack | **OTHER** | Girl's names one owner, not more than one owner. |
| 4 | the babies' blankets | **PLURAL** | Babies is plural and the apostrophe shows that the blankets belong to the babies. |
| 5 | the trucks move | **OTHER** | Trucks is plural, but it does not show ownership. |
| 6 | the child's toy | **OTHER** | Child's names one owner, not more than one owner. |
| 7 | the players' jerseys | **PLURAL** | Players is plural and the apostrophe shows that the jerseys belong to the players. |
| 8 | the teachers' desks | **PLURAL** | Teachers is plural and the apostrophe shows that the desks belong to the teachers. |

## 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)

- **PLURAL**: the cooks' aprons
- **OTHER**: the cook's apron

**Challenge:** The musicians' instruments rested beside the coaches' bags.

Answers are 1 PLURAL, 2 PLURAL, 3 OTHER, 4 PLURAL, 5 OTHER, 6 OTHER, 7 PLURAL, 8 PLURAL. For Part 2, students should explain that a plural possessive names more than one owner and usually has an apostrophe after a plural noun ending in s.