Whose Is It?

Sort phrases by how many owners they name.

L.3.2.d "Use possessives."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ONE OWNER

When one noun names the owner, add 's to that noun.

the astronaut's map

MORE THAN ONE OWNER

When the owners are named by a plural noun ending in s, put an apostrophe after the s.

the astronauts' maps

1 SORT

8 items

For each phrase, circle ONE or MANY, then choose one item from each group and explain how you know.

1.	the fox's den	ONE MANY
2.	the baby's blanket	ONE MANY
3.	the ducks' pond	ONE MANY
4.	the baker's apron	ONE MANY
5.	the frogs' logs	ONE MANY
6.	the players' jerseys	ONE MANY
7.	the rabbit's hutch	ONE MANY
8.	the nurse's bag	ONE MANY

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 two new phrases: one that names one owner and one that names more than one owner.

ONE _____

MANY _____

CHALLENGE

The plural of child is children, which does not end in s. Write a phrase showing that the children own a toy.

ANSWER KEY # Whose Is It?

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	the fox's den	**ONE**	Fox names one owner, so it takes 's.
2	the baby's blanket	**ONE**	Baby names one owner, so it takes 's.
3	the ducks' pond	**MANY**	Ducks names more than one owner, and the apostrophe follows the s.
4	the baker's apron	**ONE**	Baker names one owner, so it takes 's.
5	the frogs' logs	**MANY**	Frogs names more than one owner, and the apostrophe follows the s.
6	the players' jerseys	**MANY**	Players names more than one owner, and the apostrophe follows the s.
7	the rabbit's hutch	**ONE**	Rabbit names one owner, so it takes 's.
8	the nurse's bag	**ONE**	Nurse names one owner, so it takes 's.

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)

- **ONE**: the chef's spoon
- **MANY**: the chefs' spoons

Challenge: the children's toy

ONE: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8. MANY: 3, 5, 6. For Part 2, look for explanations that identify the owner and use the apostrophe to show whether the phrase names one owner or a regular plural group.