

Plural or Possessive Starter Game



To play this game, put a 'plural' and 'possessive' sign at either end of your classroom or school hall.

Alternatively, you could ask your children to write 'plural' on one side of a personal whiteboard, and 'possessive' on the other side. The children can move to a sign to answer each question or choose which side of their whiteboard to show.

The aim of the game is for the children to decide whether the noun is plural or possessive. For each question, you will read them the noun and the sentence.

For example:

Is the noun plural or possessive?

The noun is: baby.

The sentence is: the baby's cry is piercing.

Answer: possessive

This game could be adapted to a writing task, whereby children write the answers as sentences and choose whether or not to use an apostrophe.

Questions

Noun: dog

Sentence: the dog's kennel is in the garden.

Noun: church

Sentence: the churches in the village met together for coffee.

Noun: boy

Sentence: the boys' jumpers were all muddy.

Noun: hero

Sentence: the hero's medals were his prized possession.

Noun: bear

Sentence: The bears all lived in the forest.

Noun: paper

Sentence: The girl had lots of papers all over her study.

Noun: car

Sentence: The car's windscreen wipers were on maximum speed.

Noun: newspaper

Sentence: The newspapers' headlines were all printed wrong.