



or



extra

the apostrophe in plurals

NEVER

indicates description
makes a plural

ALWAYS

means possession

BUT WHERE
DOES IT GO?



regular plurals

Any noun that adds an s
to the singular to make the plural

SINGULAR	PLURAL	PLURAL POSSESSIVE
Boy	Boys	Boys'
Girl	Girls	Girls'
Wife	Wives	Wives'
Puppy	Puppies	Puppies'
Box	Boxes	Boxes'
Glass	Glasses	Glasses'



Apostrophe after the s
No need for a second s



invariant plurals

When the same word is used for both the singular and plural form

SINGULAR	PLURAL	PLURAL POSSESSIVE
Sheep	Sheep	Sheep's
Deer	Deer	Deer's
Fish	Fish	Fish's
Aircraft	Aircraft	Aircraft's
Hair	Hair	Hair's



Apostrophe s at the end of the word

Unless the new word already ends in s



irregular plurals

The plurals that use completely different words to the singular

SINGULAR	PLURAL	PLURAL POSSESSIVE
Child	Children	Children's
Man	Men	Men's
Person	People	People's
Goose	Geese	Geese's
Foot	Feet	Feet's



Apostrophe s at the end of the word



when the noun
already has an s

the singular causes confusion

singular glass

becomes glass's

but the rules remain the same

plural glasses

becomes glasses'

...kinda

singular glasses

also becomes glasses'



if in doubt, remember
C.R.A.P.

What are you
COMMUNICATING?

Simon owns the oranges

Write the sentence in
REVERSE

The oranges are
owned by Simon

At the last letter is the
APOSTROPHE POSITION

They are Simon's oranges

The apostrophe for possession
can seem confusing.
But it's surprisingly simple.

Just remember your CRAP
(no apostrophe means no insult).

When you're still not sure where
it goes, put it where you like.

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