

## Enrichment Strategy: Using the “Apostrophe S”

### “Whose Am I?”

*Possessive Nouns -- When & Where to Use an Apostrophe*

This offline enrichment strategy helps students reinforce their understanding and mastery of possessive nouns and how to form them correctly. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Possessive Nouns.

**Goal:** To help students know when to use 's (apostrophe first), s' (apostrophe last), or nothing at all when forming possessive nouns.

### What You'll Need:

- Printer & copier
- Answer card handout, one per student
- Scissors

### What To Do:

1. Print template, one per student.
2. Distribute template to students and have them cut out their 3 cards.
3. Have students stand at their desks.
4. Tell them they have 10 seconds to choose the correct card to form the plural noun.
5. Read the first sentence and ask, “Whose am I?” Read it a second time.
6. Count to 10 while students pick the card they believe correctly forms the possessive.
7. Read the sentence one last time and ask, “Whose am I?”
8. At the same time, students must all answer verbally and raise their cards.
9. Students holding up the wrong card should sit down.
10. The last student standing wins the game.

### For Example:

- You read: “I am the book that belongs to Sam. Whose am I?”
- You repeat: “I am the book that belongs to Sam. Whose am I?”
- You count to 10 while students decide which of their 3 cards to raise.
- After reaching 10, you say, “I am the book that belongs to Sam. Whose am I?”
- Students all answer together: “You are Sam’s,” holding up the 's card at the same time.

's

s'

no apostrophe

## Sample Questions:

I am a table that belongs to Sam. Whose am I?	Sam's
I am a leg that belongs to a chair. Whose am I?	the chair's
I am the captain of three varsity teams. Whose am I?	the teams'
I am a flower that Grandma planted. Whose am I?	Grandma's
I am a mascot for the team. Whose am I?	the team's
I am the land that belongs to everybody. Whose am I?	everybody's
I am the dog food it likes best. Whose am I?	its
I am the bathroom that is used by the men. Whose am I?	the men's
I am the hat that belongs to the man. Whose am I?	the man's
I am the treats that were made for the children. Whose am I?	the children's
I am the worm that robins eat for breakfast. Whose am I?	the robins'
I am the jacket that belongs to the child. Whose am I?	the child's
I am the book that was made by the class. Whose am I?	the class's
I am the flagpole that stands in front of the school. Whose am I?	the school's
I am the mess that was made by three classes. Whose am I?	the classes'
We are the school bands that performed at the festival. Whose are we?	the schools'
I am the necklace that belongs to the princess. Whose am I?	the princess'
I am the ball that belongs to Jane. Whose am I?	Jane's
I am the bone that is its treat. Whose am I?	its
I am the office that belongs to both doctors. Whose am I?	the doctors'
I am the room in which the teachers eat their lunch. Whose am I?	the teachers'
I am the painting that belongs to them. Whose am I?	theirs
I am the car that belongs to the Joneses. Whose am I?	the Joneses's
I am the cat that belongs to Maddy. Whose am I?	Maddy's
I am the conference for medical doctors. Whose am I?	the doctors'
I am the desk that belongs to the teacher. Whose am I?	teacher's
We are the jellybeans Jess got at the store. Whose am I?	Jess's
I am the notebook that belongs to him. Whose am I?	his
I am the lunchbox that belongs to her. Whose am I?	hers
I am the car that belongs Charles. Whose am I?	Charles's
I am the fur that the cat was licking. Whose am I?	the cat's
I am the fur that it was licking. Whose am I?	its
I am the food that is put out for the birds. Whose am I?	the birds'
I am the glove Henry dropped on the floor. Whose am I?	Henry's
I am the bed that Mom sleeps in. Whose am I?	Mom's
I am the party that was planned for Mr. and Mrs. Henry. Whose am I?	the Henrys'
I am the hat that belongs to your uncle. Whose am I?	my uncle's
I am the farm that belongs to her uncles. Whose am I?	her uncles'
I am the shirt that Max is wearing. Whose am I?	Max's