

Grammar Explanation

Using possessive endings correctly

- Add an apostrophe with s (–'s) to the possessive forms of singular count and non-count nouns.
 - Example: *The mayoral candidate expressed her opposition to the **government's** decision to raise taxes.*

- Add an apostrophe alone to the possessive forms of plural nouns that end in –s.
 - Example: *The board members are still debating the issue. The **board members'** decision will be made public next week.*

- Add –'s to the possessive forms of irregular plural nouns that do not end in –s.
 - Example: *Public opinion polls indicate **people's** feelings about important political issues.*

- Note that the possessive form of the pronoun *it* is *its* – not *it's*.
 - Example: *At the convention, the party introduced **its** candidate for the presidency.*

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