

4.1 Possessive Forms of Nouns

We use possessive forms to show ownership or relationship.

NOUN	ENDING	EXAMPLES
Singular noun: bride groom	Add apostrophe + s.	The bride's dress is white. The groom's tuxedo is black.
Plural noun ending in -s: parents guests	Add apostrophe only.	She got married in her parents' house. The guests' coats are in the coat room.
Irregular plural noun: men women	Add apostrophe + s.	The men's suits are black. The women's dresses are beautiful.
Names that end in -s: Charles	Add apostrophe + s.	Do you know Charles's wife? Note: Sometimes you will see only an apostrophe when a name ends in s. Do you know Charles' wife?
Inanimate objects: the church the dress	Use "the _____ of the _____." Do not use apostrophe + s.	St. Peter's is the name of the church. The front of the dress has pearls.