RULE SHEET

The s-genitive: Tom's bike, the girls' room



Use **'s** or **'** for the owner of a thing: **Tom's** bike = his bike (Tom has got a bike). The owner is first, then the thing.

's or '?

Owner	Write	Examples
one person or animal	owner + **'s**	Tom**'s** bike · my sister**'s** room · the dog**'s** bed
more than one, plural with -s	owner + **'**	the girls' room · my parents' car · the Browns' house (the Brown family)
more than one, plural without -s	owner + **'s**	the children**'s** toys · the men**'s** shoes

Examples

- **Sam's** cat is black. **The cat's** name is Pip.
- Mum and Dad have got a car. It is **my parents'** car.
- Is this **Dad's** phone? – No, it's **Mum's**.

Careful! 's has three meanings: Tom**'s** tall (= Tom **is** tall) · Tom**'s** got a dog (= Tom **has** got a dog) · Tom**'s** dog (= his dog: **owner**). No apostrophe in a normal plural: two cats (not: two cat's).

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____



One owner: 's

1 Write the owner with 's.

Example: This is _____ (Tom) bike. → *Tom's*

1. It is _____ (Ella) bag.
2. _____ (Leo) dog is very big.
3. This is _____ (Mr Brown) car.
4. The _____ (cat) bowl is empty.
5. _____ (Hana) eyes are green.
6. This is _____ (Grandma) garden.
7. The _____ (rabbit) ears are long.
8. _____ (Ms Hall) desk is tidy.

2 Tick the correct word.

1. This is _____ pencil. ○ Ruby ○ Ruby's
2. _____ is eleven. ○ Omar ○ Omar's
3. Ben has got a dog. The _____ name is Rex. ○ dog ○ dog's
4. _____ jacket is red. ○ Sam ○ Sam's
5. The _____ are in the garden. ○ cats ○ cat's
6. My _____ room is small. ○ sister's ○ sister