

Task Cards

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Dogs are man's best friend. That **dog's** coat is shaggy.
The **dogs'** owners must pick them up by 5 p.m.

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Each task card in this set of 30 has a sentence with a **plural noun** in parentheses. The student's task is to determine if the sentence needs a **plural noun**, a **singular possessive noun**, or a **plural possessive noun**. This combination is often confusing because all three forms have the same pronunciation. The way a word is used in a sentence makes the difference.

A resource page with facts about plural and possessive nouns is included for student reference at the teacher's discretion. This product is designed for use by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (and possibly some high school classrooms) as a skills review and reinforcement activity. It is not appropriate for the introduction of possessive nouns in second and third grades.

The full set comes with a cover card (which can double as a container label), an instruction card, a page with two answer sheets, and a student reference page for use at the teacher's discretion. Full answer keys are included.

Preparation Instructions: The cards are formatted in color, but they also work well in grayscale.

- Cut card pages vertically at 5½" and individual cards horizontally at 4".
- Answer sheets are designed to be cut 5½" by 7¾".

Please keep in mind that different printers cause the cards to move around on the page slightly, so you might have to make some cutting adjustments.



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1

Plural or Possessive?

Study the sentence to determine if the word in parentheses is a **plural noun** or a **possessive noun**. Write the correct word on your answer sheet.

After an hour of sledding in the snow, the children had frozen (noses).



2

Plural or Possessive?

Study the sentence to determine if the word in parentheses is a **plural noun** or a **possessive noun**. Write the correct word on your answer sheet.

At first Roberta could not recall the (authors) name, but after a short conversation she remembered.



3

Plural or Possessive?

Study the sentence to determine if the word in parentheses is a **plural noun** or a **possessive noun**. Write the correct word on your answer sheet.

We had to change our plans with less than an (hours) notice.



4

Plural or Possessive?

Study the sentence to determine if the word in parentheses is a **plural noun** or a **possessive noun**. Write the correct word on your answer sheet.

(Catherines) Uncle Ellis is on a business trip to China.

