What are possessive nouns?
Possessive nouns are used to denote ownership or to detail an aspect or attribute of something. If a phrase can be changed to say that a noun belongs to someone or something, then a possessive noun may be used. Remember, the possessive normally is placed in front of the item it owns.

Singular Possessives...

⇒ Singular nouns are made possessive by adding an 's onto the word
If a noun is representing only one of something, then it is singular. Remember, even if a singular noun ends in –s (such as molasses), an ’s is still added.

Plural Possessives...

⇒ Most plural nouns are made possessive by adding only an apostrophe onto the word
In other words, if the plural form of the noun ends in –s, then the plural possessive form will only use an apostrophe.

⇒ Irregular plural nouns are made possessive by adding ‘s onto the word
Irregular plural nouns (such as geese) change form rather than adding an –s to make them plural. Thus, we treat them like singular nouns when making them possessive.

Some steps...

⇒ Make the noun singular or plural as needed

⇒ Add an apostrophe after the word

⇒ Add an “s” after the word if needed

Singular Possessives look like...

• The hat of the boy is green.
• The boy’s hat is green.

Plural Possessives look like...

• The hats of the boys are green.
• The boys’ hats are green.

• The hats of the children are green.
• The children’s hats are green.

These steps look like...

• The boy hat fell to the ground.
• The boy’s hat fell to the ground.