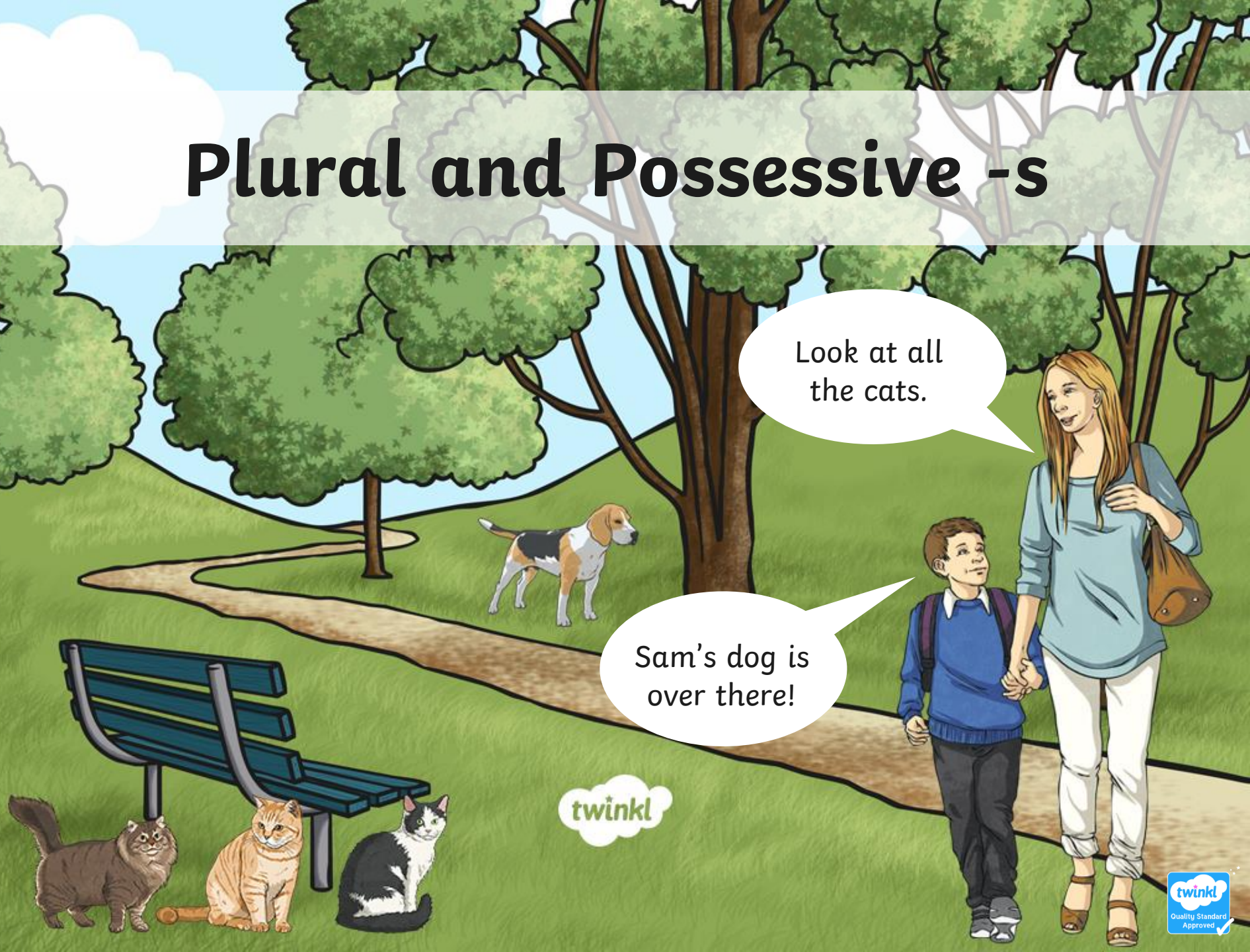




Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Plural and Possessive -s

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Look at all
the cats.

Sam's dog is
over there!

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Introductory Activity



Plural



Plural = more than one.

The plural for many common nouns are formed by adding an -s.

Singular

dog

garden

handbag

Plural

dogs

gardens

handbags

Possessive -s

An -s can be added to show possession of a **singular** noun, however, it needs to have an apostrophe in the correct place to make it grammatically correct.

The new teacher belongs to the school, which is singular.

School's new teacher

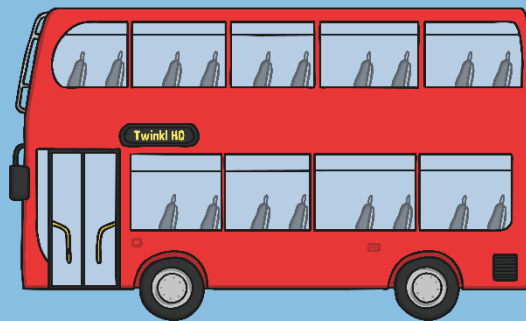
To form the possession of a singular noun, add an apostrophe, followed by the letter -s.

Singular	Plural	Singular Possession
dog	dogs	The dog's fur.
garden	gardens	The garden's flowers were pretty.
handbag	handbags	The handbag's handles were big.

Possessive -s



Word nerds have heated arguments over whether to use an additional -'s with possession of a singular noun which ends in -s (such as cactus, bus, James). Views are conflicting about how to show possession when writing such nouns.



There is no right answer; the best advice is to choose a rule and stay consistent.

Possessive -s



We are going to follow this rule:

When we have common nouns which end in the letter -s (lens, cactus, bus, etc.) or proper nouns (Mr. Jones, Texas, Christmas), we will write the word as we would speak it.

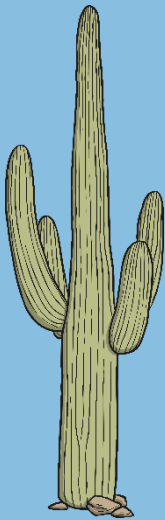
For example, since most people saying, “Mr. Hastings’ pen” would not pronounce an added -s, we would write Mr. Hastings’ pen with no added -s.

Most people would pronounce an added -s in “Jones’s,” so we’d write it as we say it: Mr. Jones’s golf clubs.

Possessive -s



What would be the possessive noun of these words?



cactus



Zeus



Jess

Plural and Possessive -s



Now you have a try.

Look at the singular noun, then write the **plural** and then a sentence which shows the **possession** of a singular noun.

Singular	Plural	Singular Possessive -s
football	footballs	The football's bold, black and white colours stood out amongst the green grass.
ice cream		
swing		
scooter		

Independent Focused Activity



Plural or Possessive Game



Play the game using the Plural or Possessive Activity Sheet.

Can the you identify which sentences are plural and which are singular possessive? Look out for possessive proper nouns ending in -s.



Plural or Possessive

I can explain and use plural and possessive -s.

Cut out these sentence cards and lay them face down in a pile.

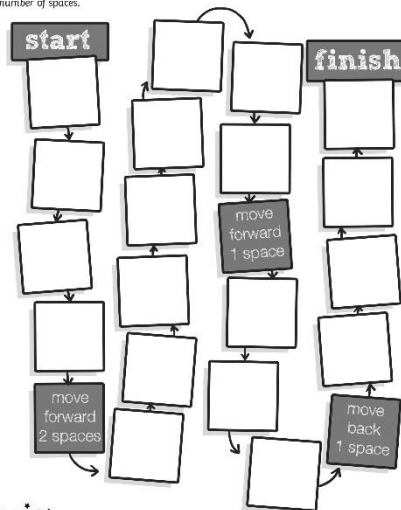
I enjoyed using my **friend's** scooter.
I borrowed my **dad's** trainers to go to the park but they were too big!
The **dogs** were barking wildly by the gates.
The **birds** sat in the trees and twittered.
Jack had two **dogs**, which he had taken for a walk.
The **wheels** on my bike were flat.
Jack's running was the fastest in the park.
I fed some bread to the **ducks**.
There were two **slides**, one for babies and one for larger children.
The **park's** sign read 'do not drop litter'.
We ate our lunch on the **cafe's** outdoor seats.
Adam and Kamel played hide and seek in the **trees**.
Some people ate their delicious **picnics** on the playing fields.
The ice cream **van's** music was playing to entice the children to buy from them.
Charles's mum was nearly for home.



Language Conventions: The Suffixes 's' and 'es'

Plural or Possessive

Each player takes turns to pick up a sentence and read it aloud. If the player correctly determines whether the noun is plural or singular possessive, they roll the die and move that number of spaces.



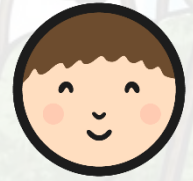
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Assessment



Application Activity



Write a short description of the park on a hot day in Summer. You must include at least three examples of the plural -s and three examples of the singular apostrophe -s.

