

POSSESSIVES: EXERCISE #1

NAME: _____

WHAT TO DO: Some of the underlined portions in the sentences below are examples of PLURALS (PL), and some of them are examples of POSSESSIVES (PO). We have left the apostrophes off the possessives on purpose. Read the sentences carefully and decide if you have a plural or possessive. Write PL in the space at the left if it's a plural and PO if it's a possessive.

- _____ 1. In the lap of the hills huts belonging to the castle stood clustered.
- _____ 2. The Barons great house stood in the center.
- _____ 3. Sometimes children would sit hanging their legs over the huts edge.
- _____ 4. Schwartz Carl, his wife, and his little ones lived far up in Melchior Tower.
- _____ 5. From their stables behind the castle, the hounds howls rang out dismally.

WHAT TO DO: Some of the sentences below have PLURALS, and some of them have POSSESSIVES. Circle the correct form of the word (no apostrophe ['] for plurals and an apostrophe ['] for possessives) in each sentence.

1. The great (bells, bell's) alarm would suddenly ring from the belfry.
2. With the rattle and clash of iron (chains, chain's) the drawbridge would come crashing down.
3. Then peace would fall on the castle and the (cocks, cock's) would crow.
4. Gretchen would sing a song, as if it were a peaceful farmhouse instead of a den of (robbers, robber's).
5. The (horses, horse's) pack would be laden with bales of goods.

POSSESSIVES: EXERCISE #2

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WHAT TO DO: Circle the correct form of the word in the sentences below.

1. The heavy wooden (tables, table's) surface was loaded with coarse breakfast food.
2. Several women and (girls, girl's) served the others as the fed noisily at the table.
3. Along the wall of stone hung pieces of armor and a (stags, stag's) branching antlers.

WHAT TO DO: All the sentences below contain possessives. Put the apostrophe ['] in the correct place.

1. Upon Baron Conrads shoulder leaned the pale, slender, yellow-haired Baroness.
2. Dong! Dong! It was the alarm bell from Melchiors Tower.
3. Hans leaned over the Baron and whispered something into his masters ear.

WHAT TO DO: Copy-edit the errors in the following sentences. There are five errors.

Ursula said, "The red fox has come back to his den again. The young Baroness laughed, merrily at the old woman's speech and she then began playing nervously with a bracelet of golden beads about her wrist. The ring of iron, footsteps sounded upon the stone floor. The Baroness rose, to her feet.

