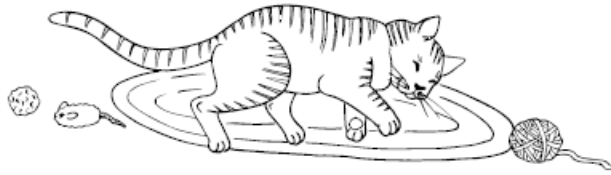


Test 8

You're a well-oiled reading machine, right? But it wouldn't hurt to check if you are a bit rusty with this skill—recognizing plurals and possessives.



Directions: Test your ability to tell the difference between a plural and a possessive. Remember: a plural means more than one; a possessive shows ownership. Fill in the bubble that describes the word in bold.



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| 1. Maria's cat seems to sleep all day. | 1. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 2. The boys' gloves lay by the bench. | 2. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 3. Thunderous clouds loomed in the distance. | 3. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 4. The girl's makeup was too heavy. | 4. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 5. The bird preened its feathers. | 5. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 6. Loud noises came from the barn. | 6. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 7. Dr. Raymond's office was crowded. | 7. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 8. The planks creaked as we walked across. | 8. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 9. A big ship can withstand pounding waves. | 9. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 10. I'm always finding Rex's toys in my room. | 10. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 11. The flowers' petals were soft and delicate. | 11. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 12. I hardly recognized the Browns' children. | 12. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 13. An artist's style is unique. | 13. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 14. The trees' branches were laden with snow. | 14. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 15. The moon's gravity causes Earth's tides. | 15. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 16. Whales migrate thousands of miles. | 16. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 17. Caroline thought your brother's car was cool. | 17. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 18. The beaches are patrolled day and night. | 18. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 19. Dad went to Uncle Jeff's to go fishing. | 19. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |
| 20. In the cave hung hundreds of bats. | 20. <input type="radio"/> plural <input type="radio"/> possessive |

Name: _____

Date: _____

Answers

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| 1. possess. | 11. pl. possess. |
| 2. pl. possess. | 12. pl. possess. |
| 3. plural | 13. possess. |
| 4. possess. | 14. pl. possess. |
| 5. possess. | 15. possess. |
| 6. plural | 16. plural |
| 7. possess. | 17. possess. |
| 8. plural | 18. plural |
| 9. plural | 19. possess. |
| 10. plural | 20. plural |