

Apostrophes of ownership



You need to know.....

The **cat's** basket means the basket belongs to the cat.

There is just one cat as the apostrophe is before the 's.

The **cats' basket** means the basket belongs to more than one cat.

What do the following mean?

Write it like this: =

Mary's lamb means the lamb belongs to Mary.

1. The computer's keyboard
2. The dog's teeth
3. The elephant's tusks
4. The chair's legs
5. The teacher's desk

Now write these out in full:

1. The boys' showers
2. The elephants' tusks
3. The students' desks
4. The girls' team
5. Several boats' sails
6. The riders' wages