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Singular Possessive Nouns

Animals on the Move
Grammar: Possessive Nouns

- A **singular possessive noun** shows that one person, place, or thing has or owns something.
- To show a singular possessive noun, add an apostrophe and -s ('s) to a singular noun.

Thinking Question

Is there a shorter way to show possession?

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| Singular Noun | Singular Possessive Noun |
| the ear of the elephant | the elephant's ear |

Each underlined phrase can be rewritten in a shorter way.

Rewrite each sentence, using a possessive noun.

1. The research of Dr. Payne proved that elephants can hear noises that humans can't.
2. The mother of the elephant hums to her newborn.
3. The insect will become the dinner of the hungry bat.
4. The dance the bee does shows the other honeybees where to find pollen.
5. In order to track its movements, the scientist put a band around the leg of the bird.
6. Many animals use the magnetic field of Earth to navigate over long distances.