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Animals on the Move
Grammar: Possessive Nouns

Plural Possessive Nouns

- A **plural possessive noun** shows that more than one person, place, or thing has or owns something.
- When a plural noun ends in *-s*, add only an apostrophe after the *-s* (*s'*).
- When a plural noun does not end in *-s*, add (*'s*) to form the plural possessive noun

Thinking Question

Is there a shorter way to show possession?

Plural Noun	Plural Possessive Noun
the hive of the bees	the bees' hive
the den of the mice	the mice's den

Each underlined phrase can be rewritten in a shorter way. Rewrite each sentence, adding plural possessive nouns.

1. Scientists continue to study senses of animals.
2. We could hear the trumpeting calls of the elephants from a long distance.
3. The squeaking sounds the bats make are part of echolocation.
4. Bats use echoes to find the location of their prey.
5. I read about how bees dance in a science article for children.
6. The sounds of the bees give information to the rest of the hive.