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Possessive Forms

Definition

Possessive forms show ownership, relationship, or belonging. They are formed by adding an apostrophe and sometimes an "s" to nouns, or by using possessive pronouns that already indicate ownership without requiring apostrophes.

Example

Possessive Nouns:

Type	Rule	Examples
Singular nouns	Add 's	the boy's hat, a teacher's desk
Plural nouns ending in s	Add only an apostrophe	the boys' hats, the teachers' lounge
Plural nouns not ending in s	Add 's	the children's toys, the mice's cage
Compound possessives (shared)	Add 's to the last noun	Tom and Jerry's house
Compound possessives (separate)	Add 's to each noun	Tom's and Jerry's bikes

Possessive Pronouns:

Person	Possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun
1st person singular	my	mine

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Person	Possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun
2nd person	your	yours
3rd person singular	his, her, its	his, hers, its
1st person plural	our	ours
3rd person plural	their	theirs

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct possessive form in sentences about Jomon period pottery.

1. The _____ distinctive design features include flame-like projections and rope patterns.

- a) Jomon potters
- b) Jomon potters'
- c) Jomon potter's
- d) Jomon' potters

2. Several of the _____ vessels were used for cooking and storage.

- a) ancient peoples'
- b) ancient people's
- c) ancient peoples
- d) ancient people

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3. Archaeologists discovered this _____ collection at a dig site near Tokyo.

- a) museums
- b) museums'
- c) museum's
- d) muesum'

4. The _____ exhibits feature pottery from all phases of the Jomon period.

- a) National Museum of Japanese History's
- b) National Museums' of Japanese History
- c) National Museum's of Japanese History
- d) National Museum of Japanese Historys'

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Fill in the blank with the correct possessive form.

1. The Jomon period, _____ (Japan/earliest civilization) pottery is characterized by elaborate designs, lasted from about 14,500 BCE to 300 BCE.

2. _____ (Archaeologists) discoveries have revealed that Jomon pottery is among the world's oldest.

3. Many of _____ (the vessels) decorative elements were created using twisted plant fibers.

4. The _____ (women and men) collaborative efforts produced some of the most impressive Jomon artifacts.

5. _____ (Clay figurines) purpose was likely related to fertility rituals and spiritual practices.

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Possessive Forms – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) Jomon potters' (The design features belong to multiple potters)
2. a) ancient peoples' (The vessels belonged to multiple groups of people)
3. c) museum's (The collection belongs to one museum)
4. a) National Museum of Japanese History's (The exhibits belong to one museum)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. Japan's earliest civilization's
2. Archaeologists'
3. the vessels'
4. women's and men's (showing separate contributions)
OR women and men's (showing joint ownership)
5. Clay figurines'