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The Pups rule:

Steps:

1. Apostrophe looks like a mini nametag...and a mini nametag means someone owns something or has possession.

Conclusion: Mini name tag= possession

Mr. Spups ate a pup's cup

The 3 pups ate a super pups' cup

2. If you see a mini nametag...put your index finger over it.
Practice: with your finger over the mini nametag now lift your finger up and say: "with possession"

Note: No mini nametag...no possession *There are 3 pups over there.*

3. With finger on mini nametag, now look to the left.

a. Is it singular or plural? *Shreeya's nametag*

We have two girls in Junior Genius named Shreeya.

The Shreeyas' nametags are blue.

4. Now look to the right:

Is there possession or not? *The Shreeyas' nametags are blue.*

There are pups over there.

a. Possession or not?

b. Is the thing to the right singular or plural?

c. Does the answer you are checking make sense?

Simplified review of steps:

1. Cover mini nametag
2. Look left: Singular or plural *The buckets handle was wooden.*
3. Look right:
 - a. possession or not
 - b. singular or plural

Practice problems:

Set 1: (straightforward)

1. The doors knob is silver. The doors knobs are silver.
2. The boats sail is white. The boats speeds varied.

Set 2: (ambiguous)

1. That birds wings were blue. Those birds wings were blue.
2. This chairs legs were broken. These chairs legs were broken.

Set 3: Super ambiguous:

1. They ran all over the house without a worry. The kittens eyes were wide open at midnight.
2. After a long days rest, the men went to the ball game.
3. It was a huge mess when the when the trucks exhaust polluted the freeway. The officer pulled over the culprit and issued several tickets.

Set 4: Brain boggler exceptions:

1. Shenzhen China! Is that the Peoples Republic of China?
2. I just read online that they just suspended a persons right to have a puppy there. That is crazy!
Ok never mind, so where should we meet Miss My-lee?

Futian road, just down from the childrens playground. I know where it is. That is a very unusual park.

3. Do they still not allow a childs parents in the sandbox area?
4. I love that park but there is no mens room there; there is just a womens dressing room.
5. It is an unforgettable place since there is one mans foot prints in the cement at the entrance and an odd wall painting of a womans hat floating in the river.