

Plural and Possessive -s

Part A

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Two have been done for you.

Numitor's brother was called Amulius. Amulius killed all of Numitor's sons because he didn't want them to try to take back Alba Longa's throne. Amulius forced his brother's only daughter, Rhea Silvia, to become a Vestal Virgin. Vestal Virgins were not allowed to marry or have children.

Rhea Silvia broke her vows and fell in love with Mars, the God of War. They had twin babies. Amulius knew Rhea's sons were a threat to his throne so he ordered the twins to be thrown in the river.

A servant was given orders to put the twins in the river. However, he thought about his own sons and daughters and couldn't do it. The servant placed the babies in his wife's basket and hoped someone would rescue them.

Eventually, a she-wolf found the twins. As a wolf's teeth are so strong, the wolf was able to pull the basket out of the river. The wolf protected the twins from the many dangers they faced. She was helped by a woodpecker who found food for the twins.

After this, a shepherd found the babies and decided to take them home and care for them. The shepherd's cottage was warm and cosy and a safe place for the twins to live.

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1. Say whether the letter 's' has been used to make a plural or to show possession.
2. Write each word in a sentence.

1. twins _____

2. Numitor's _____

3. sons _____

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★ **Challenge Task** ★ ★

Add apostrophes for possession to these plural words and write each one in a sentence.

babies

twins

servants

sons
