



The Grammar Safari

HAVE

HAS

A Visual Guide to Expressing Possession in English

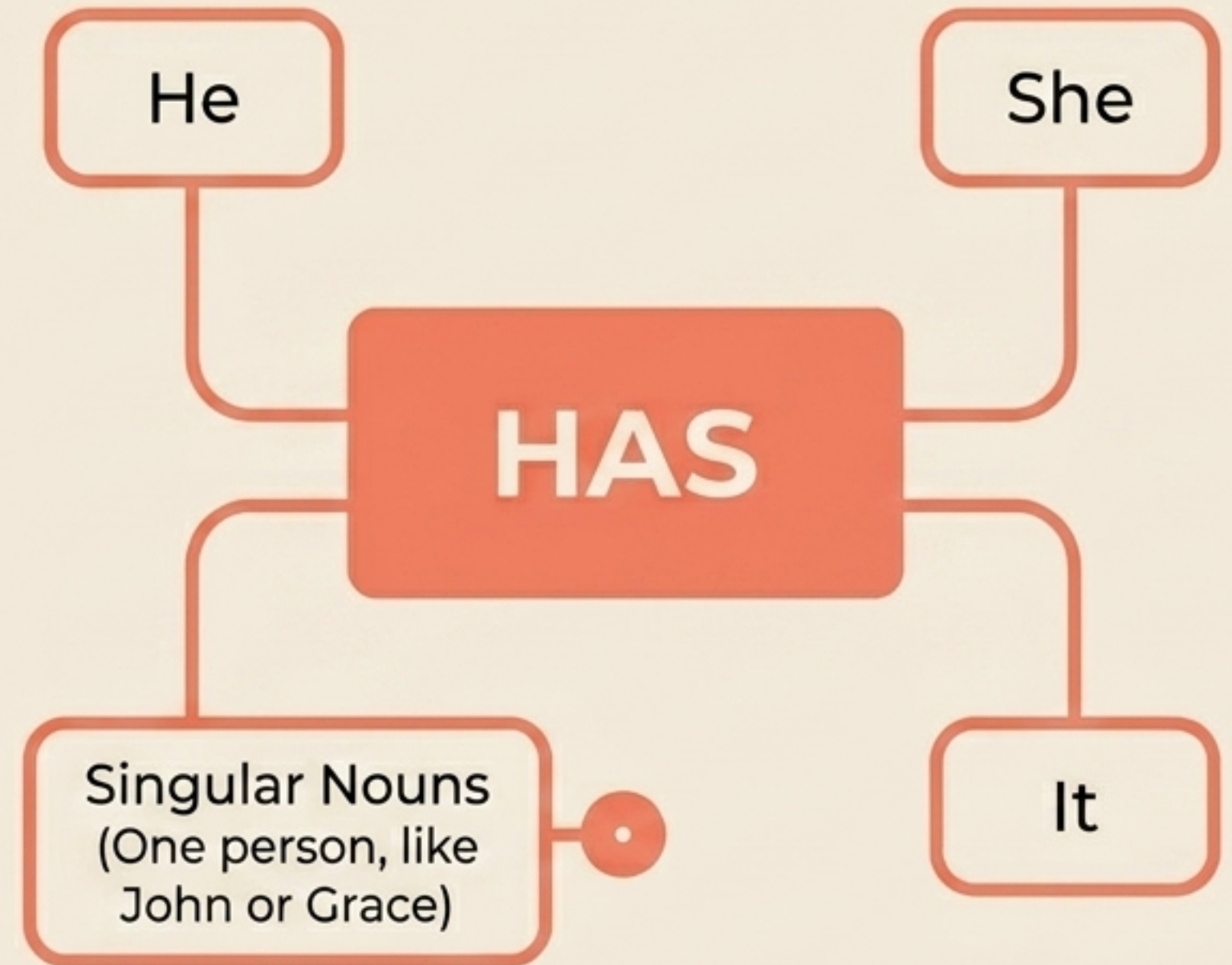
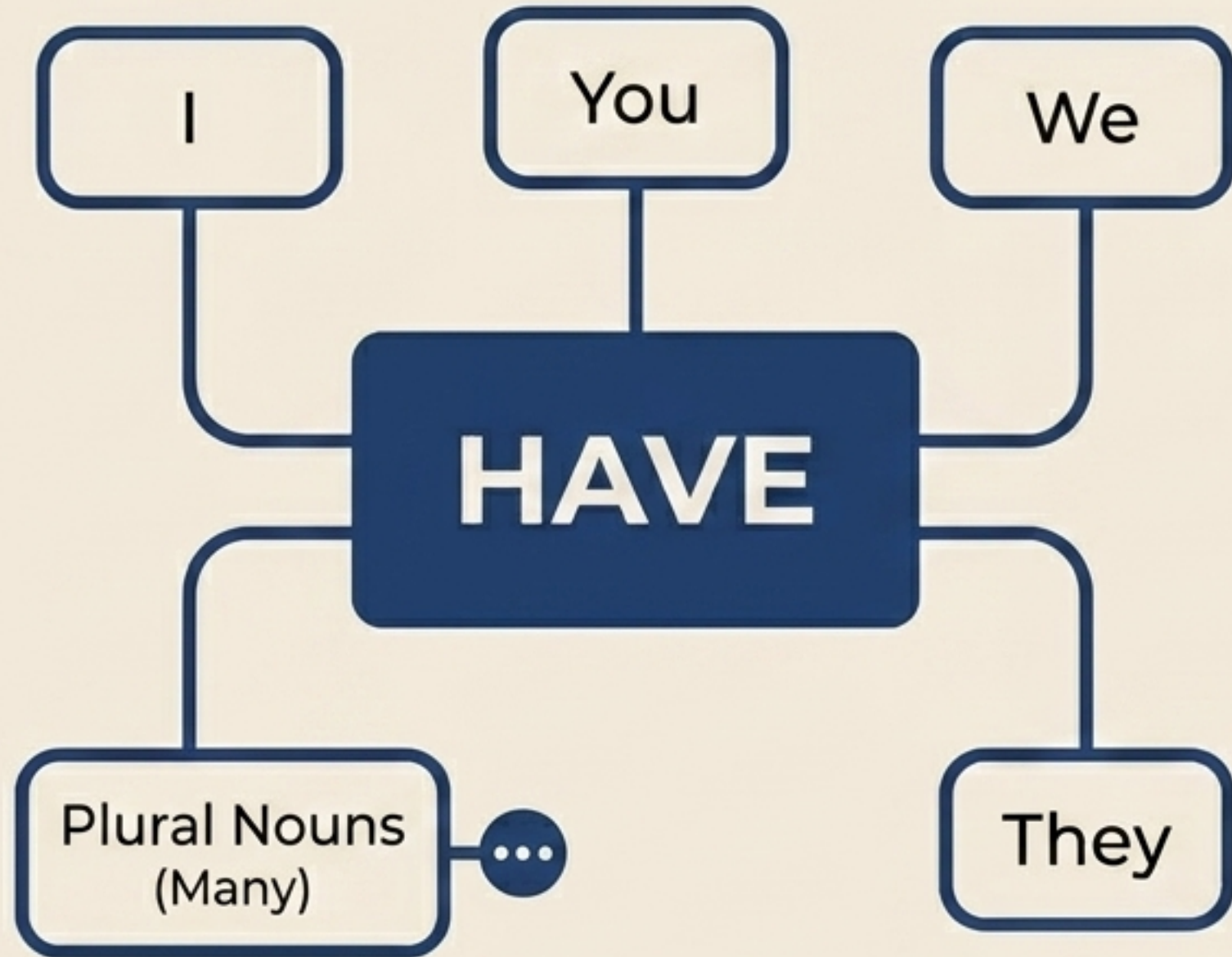


What is Possession?

In English, expressing possession simply means showing who owns what. We use two special words to build this bridge between the owner and the object.





The Master Decoder: Sorting the Pronouns




Tip: Memorize this color code. Navy Blue pronouns always travel together, and Coral pronouns always travel together.

Building Sentences with HAVE

I + have + a pen  = I have a pen.

You + have + a book  = You have a book.

They + have + a hat  = They have a hat.

Building Sentences with HAS

He

+

has

+

a star



= He **has** a star.

She

+

has

+

a ruler



= She **has** a ruler.

Grace

+

has

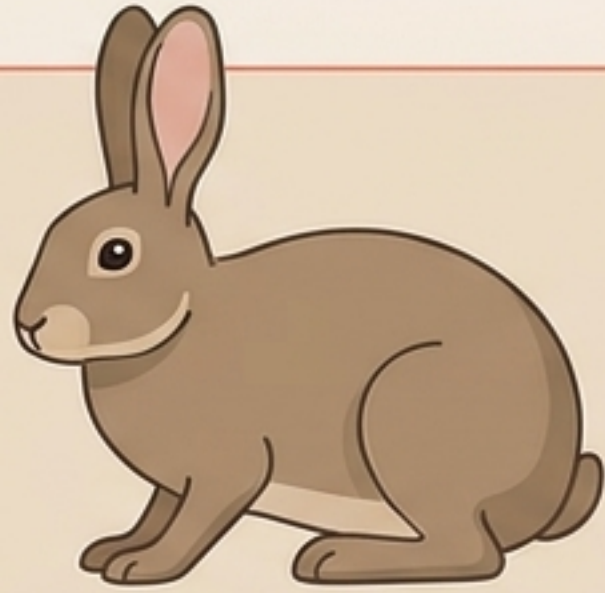
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a watch

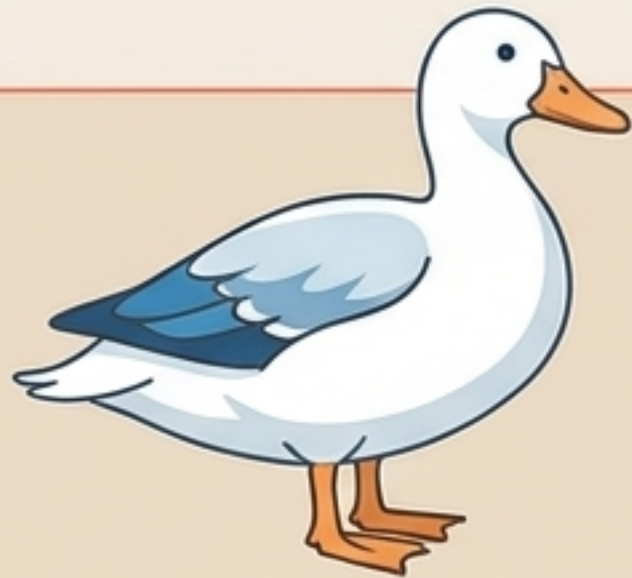


= Grace **has** a watch.

Recognizing Patterns in the Wild



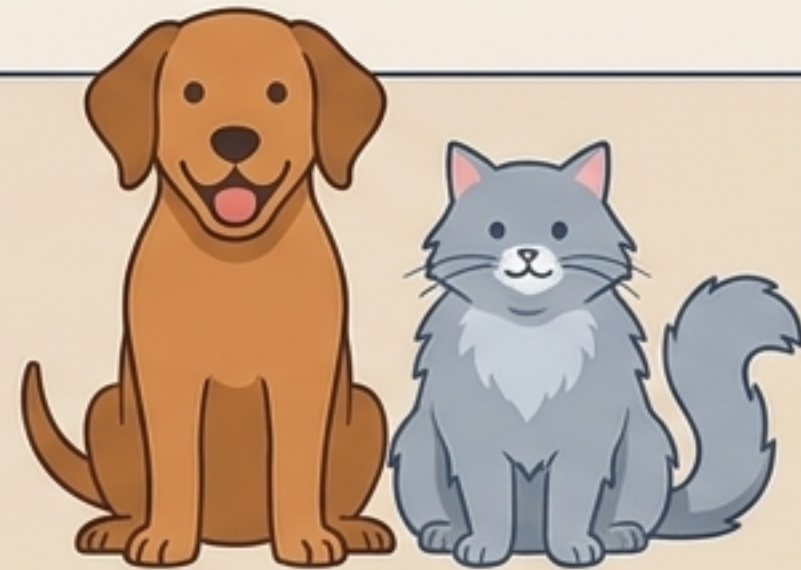
This hare **has** no tail.



This is a duck. It **has** wings.



These are tomatoes.
I **have** two tomatoes.



We **have** a dog and a cat.

The 'Does' Exception (The Rule-Breaker)

Usually, a singular animal gets the word **HAS**. But when we ask a question using '**Does**', the rule breaks!



The giraffe **has** short legs.



Does + the giraffe + **have** + short legs? =

Does the giraffe **have** short legs?

Testing the Exception: The Giraffe Profile

Does the giraffe have green spots?

No, the giraffe doesn't **have** green spots.

Does the giraffe have short legs?

No, the giraffe doesn't **have** short legs.

Does the calf have a mother?

Yes, the calf **has** a mother.

*(No 'does' here,
so we revert back
to the Coral rule!)*



Everyday Conversations



The Observer's Perspective:

What does Juma have?

Juma **has** fresh mangoes.

Notice how the verb changes when we talk **ABOUT** instead of Juma talking about himself!

Case Study: Bora's Poultry Farm



My **parents have** a poultry farm. **They have** many hens on the farm. **I have** four hens of my own... _____

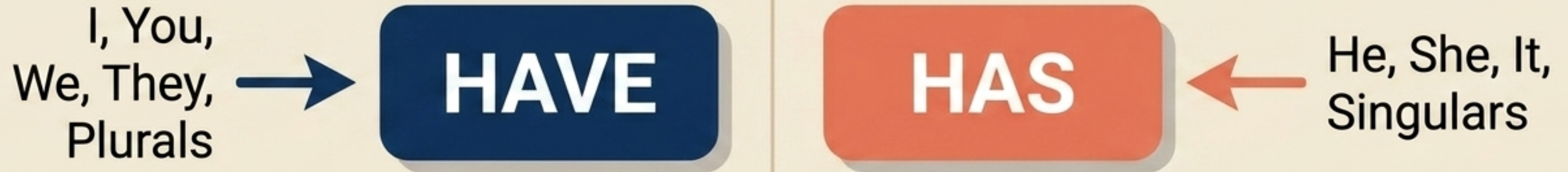
Plural owners (parents, they) and 'I' always take HAVE.

My white **hen has** ten chicks. If the chicks grow, **I will have** a total of fourteen hens.

The single white hen stands apart from Bora and her parents. It requires **HAS**.

Your Safari Blueprint

The Core Rule



The Rule Breaker



If you see **DOES** or **DOESN'T** in a question or negative sentence, always revert to **HAVE**, even for singular owners!

She **has** a pen → **Does** she **have** a pen?