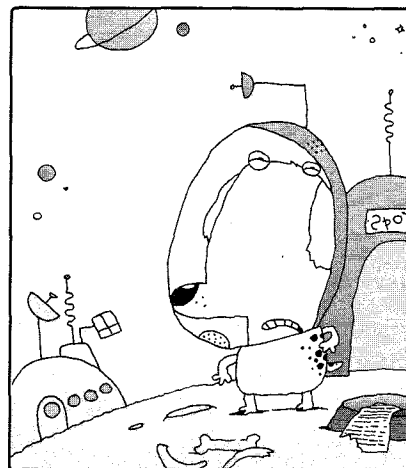


Apostrophes 2

An apostrophe is used to show that letters have been left out of words (don't), to show possession (Garfield's dinner), and to indicate time or amount (a day's work, a dollar's worth). (Read the example below; then turn to 402.1-403.4 in your *Write Source 2000* handbook for more information about apostrophes before you complete the following sentences.)



EXAMPLE

"Didn't your sister's puppy chew up yesterday's homework, Homer?"

(In the word *Didn't* the apostrophe shows that the letter *o* has been left out; in *sister's* the apostrophe shows possession for the singular noun *sister*; in *yesterday's* the apostrophe indicates time.)

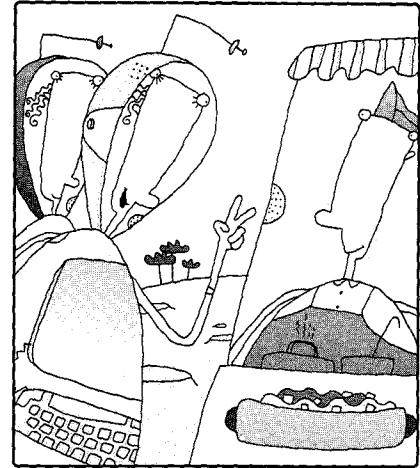
Directions

Add apostrophes to the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. "I'll get to tomorrows assignments after this TV show," I called.
2. Moms answer was, "No you wont. Youll work on them right now."
3. Mr. Basss homework wasnt too hard. It was the algebra I couldnt face.
4. Besides that, when the seasons new shows were on, it was hard to do work.
5. "Cant I take a break, Mom?" I pleaded as though my brains well-being was at stake.
6. "Youve been on break!" was my moms reply.
7. I shouldve finished my homework in study hall, but instead I helped Mr. Anderson with his bulletin board entitled "The Class of '99 in the Workplace."

Apostrophes 3

The plural possessive of nouns ending in *s* is usually formed by adding an apostrophe after the *s*. Plural nouns not ending in *s* usually require an apostrophe and an *s*. (Turn to 402.5 and 403.4 in your *Write Source 2000* handbook for rules governing shared possession and the possessive of a compound noun.)



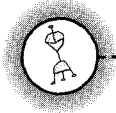
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Write the possessive form of each plural noun below in the space provided below. The first one has been done for you.

women's

1. The women order for concert tickets was made in person.
2. The boys, girls, and parents applause shook the rafters.
3. The bosses rules were strict.
4. The brothers-in-laws cars were identical.
5. The toys storage box was broken.
6. The Joneses family tree went back to the Civil War.
7. Two months worth of mail had collected on the porch.
8. The girls opinions were extremely divided.
9. The boys teams all won their games.
10. Who designed the mens uniforms?
11. The bosses offices are upstairs.
12. The players meals will be served in the gym.

8. I'm learning that when students' homework isn't done, it comes back to haunt them, so I started to work.
9. What's going to be first, math problems or history?
10. What I'd thought would be an hour's worth of math, I completed in 15 minutes.
11. History's next, I thought, and started without a moment's delay.
12. Reading about wars makes a person appreciate soldiers' sacrifices.
13. Soon I forgot I'd been overloaded with three teachers' assignments.
14. The evening's fears of bad grades in my classes vanished in the next 30 minutes, and the next day's homework was completed.
15. My advice: Get tomorrow's homework done today, or it'll become tomorrow's nightmare!



Next Step Review the rules for possessives in your handbook and then add apostrophes as needed in the following phrases:

- Fuddle, Muddle, and Bamboozles' magic act
- Leonardos, Raphaels, and Michelangelos' pizzas
- my brother-in-laws' yo-yo
- their sisters-in-laws' roller skates
- everybody's pet rock
- yesterday's fads

Directions

In the space provided, write the correct plural possessive form of the nouns listed. Add a word or two to complete the phrase. The first one has been done for you.

- 1. the girl the girls' project
- 2. the dog _____
- 3. the child _____
- 4. the boss _____
- 5. the man _____
- 6. the team _____
- 7. the herd _____
- 8. the ex-president _____
- 9. the pilgrim _____
- 10. the boy _____

Directions

On the lines below, write three sentences containing plural possessives. Use a noun ending in s, a noun not ending in s, and a plural compound noun. (An example of a plural compound noun is "brothers-in-law.") Do not use nouns listed in this exercise.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____