

Lesson 59

Apostrophes

- An **apostrophe** is used to form a possessive noun. With most singular nouns add **-’s** to make them possessive.
EXAMPLE: Savitri returned to her **father’s** palace.
 - The plural possessive is made by adding only the apostrophe for nouns ending in **-s**. All other nouns take **-’s**.
EXAMPLE: The **teams’** scores were not in keeping with the pattern in the **women’s** league.
 - Indefinite pronouns such as everyone, no one, anybody, everybody, someone, one, and somebody require an apostrophe to form the possessive.
EXAMPLE: It’s **anyone’s** guess who the leader will be.
 - When two nouns in a sentence have joint possession, only the last noun requires **-’s**.
EXAMPLE: **Margaret and Doug’s** house
- However, when nouns have individual possession, both nouns require **-’s**.
EXAMPLE: **Margaret’s and Doug’s** houses

After each sentence below, write the word in which an apostrophe has been left out. Add the apostrophe where needed.

1. Many players uniforms are red. _____
2. Those dogs played with the babys shoe. _____
3. Sun Lung isn’t coming to the librarys opening with us. _____
4. The captains ship was one of the newest. _____
5. Mens coats are sold in the new store. _____
6. All that maple trees leaves are coming down. _____
7. Is someones lost child your concern? _____
8. Dans and Melissas marks were the last ones to be called out. _____
9. Everyones case will be handled individually. _____
10. In a history book, he read that the Beatles first tour of North America was a great success.

11. My mothers business involves e-commerce. _____
12. The girls teams entered the tournament. _____