

# Apostrophes A

**15n.** To form the possessive case of a singular noun, add an apostrophe and an s.

**EXAMPLES** the sun's rays                  James's scooter                  the city's mayor

**15o.** To form the possessive case of a plural noun that does not end in s, add an apostrophe and an s.

**EXAMPLES** people's votes                  men's shirts                  the children's toys

**15p.** To form the possessive case of a plural noun ending in s, add only the apostrophe.

**EXAMPLES** the classes' election                  the Petersons' snowmobile

**EXERCISE A** Above each underlined noun, write the correct possessive form.

**Example 1.** four <sup>weeks'</sup> weeks supply

1. three doctors opinions
2. Mrs. King business
3. Chris bicycle
4. the mice favorite hiding place
5. in ten years time
6. the women locker room
7. the team beloved mascot
8. New Orleans jazz scene
9. two sisters secret
10. the Wilsons house

**EXERCISE B** In each sentence, underline the word that should be in the possessive case. Above the word, write its correct possessive form.

**Example 1.** The five <sup>winners'</sup> winners photographs are on page one of the newsletter.

11. The Mount Vernon Chorus sang Jason favorite songs.
12. One student brother had a minor accident in that big blue car.
13. The Garcias new neighbor is Sandra Johnson.
14. The banjo with broken strings is Jennifer.
15. Carlotta voice was hoarse from cheering for the volleyball team.
16. The raindrops patter could be heard on the tin roof.
17. We brought a day supply of granola bars, water, and sandwiches.
18. The photographer won an award for that picture of the wolves den.
19. Do you know Carlos e-mail address?
20. This weekend homework is written on the chalkboard.

## Apostrophes B

**15q.** Do not use an apostrophe with possessive personal pronouns.

**EXAMPLES** The red car is **theirs**. **Whose** car is that?

**15r.** To form the possessive case of some indefinite pronouns, add an apostrophe and an s.

**EXAMPLES** somebody's notes      everyone's idea

**EXERCISE A** Above each pronoun, write the correct possessive form. If a pronoun is already correct, write C.

**Examples** 1. <sup>somebody's</sup> somebody lost puppy  
2. <sup>C</sup> its new paint

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. anyone guess       | 6. someone science book    |
| 2. everybody friend   | 7. anybody opportunity     |
| 3. her money          | 8. The car is theirs.      |
| 4. your skates        | 9. no one first choice     |
| 5. neither basketball | 10. Those books are yours. |

**EXERCISE B** In the following paragraph, underline each possessive personal pronoun and each indefinite pronoun. Then, above each indefinite pronoun, write the correct possessive form.

**Example** [1] <sup>Someone's</sup> Someone trash is another person's treasure, in my opinion.

[11] Everybody unwanted items can bring in a few coins at a garage sale. [12] When my family organized our garage sale, everybody attention was devoted to the project. [13] One night, someone dreams even focused on our garage sale! [14] We spent several days writing down anyone ideas. [15] We finally decided to make a list of everyone items for sale. [16] Soon, a friendly disagreement occurred when two different people thought the iron was theirs. [17] Dad claimed it was his, but Tanya was sure it was hers. [18] In the end, of course, no one possessions made him or her rich. [19] We set out everybody items together during the garage sale and then equally divided the profit. [20] We were all quite happy with our success.