

Apostrophes 1

The possessive of singular nouns is usually formed by adding an apostrophe and an *s* as in the examples below. (Turn to 402.4-403.4 in your *Write Source 2000* handbook for more information.)

EXAMPLES

To Form Singular Possessives:

Mr. Brown's assignment

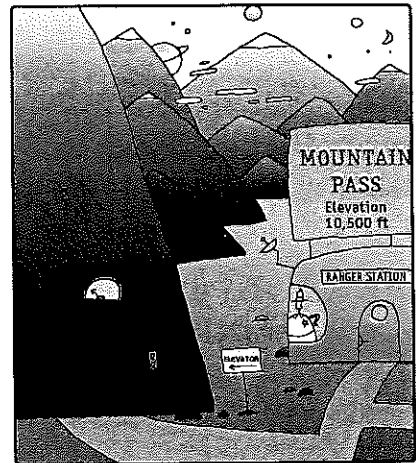
(For most nouns, add an apostrophe and an *s*.)

the Rio Lobos' depth or the Rio Lobos's depth

(For singular, multisyllable nouns ending with an *s* or a *z* sound, add an apostrophe only or an apostrophe and an *s*.)

the moss's color

(For one-syllable nouns ending in *s*, add an apostrophe and an *s*.)



Directions

Write the correct singular possessive form above each underlined singular noun in the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

John's

1. Did John team win the soccer tournament?
2. The girl dress was too formal for the party.
3. It was somebody else loss, not mine.
4. The boss salary was much larger than mine.
5. My sister-in-law car was a bright red convertible.
6. They found the student book in the back of the classroom.
7. Massachusetts population is large compared to its small size.
8. The messy room was my brother.
9. Your guess is as good as Ms. Jenks guess.
10. The mountain pass elevation was 10,500 feet.

Directions

Write the correct possessive form above each underlined singular noun in the following sentences. The first one has been done for you.

1. I thought ^{Kiss's} Kiss last album was a disappointment.
2. Someone else opinion may be different from mine.
3. My brother-in-law opinion sometimes differs from mine.
4. In fact, his opinion seems different from almost everyone.
5. Alex, Paul, and Jane team won the championship.
6. St. Louis main tourist attraction is the Gateway Arch.
7. What is jazz fascination?
8. Anyone ticket will get you into the concert on the green.
9. What wit said, "Yesterday news is good for wrapping fish"?
10. Tess final-exam grade was higher than mine.
11. Did Texas population increase by more than a million in the last decade?
12. The room appearance could best be described as chaotic.
13. Bill always gives a day work for a day pay.
14. Bob and Matt's boats are tied at the dock.
15. John always appreciates his mother-in-law humor.



Next Step On your own paper, write the possessive form for each of the words listed below.

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| 1. somebody | 5. Max |
| 2. gas | 6. month |
| 3. anyone | 7. everyone |
| 4. Dallas | 8. father-in-law |