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Apostrophes 2

By now, you know that apostrophes are used to form contractions and to show possession, but they can do other things, too. In this activity, you'll discover some other ways you can use apostrophes. (Turn to 402.1-402.4 in *Write Source 2000* for more information.)

EXAMPLES

To Form Plurals: *(If it is a sign, number, letter or word being discussed as a word.)*
 Be sure to cross your t's and dot your i's.

In Place of Omitted Letters or Numbers:

In the summer of '98, we rode 16 rockin' roller coasters.

To Express Time or Amount:

My dad took a week's vacation so that he could come with us.

Directions

Add at least one apostrophe to each of the following sentences. You will need to form contractions in some sentences.

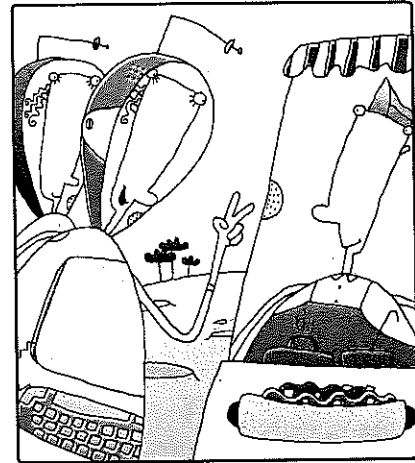
1. Marcel could not wait to ride the Rattler, the fastest wooden roller coaster in the world.
2. He saved a months worth of allowance for the class of 99 trip.
3. The figure 8s on this roller coaster made it especially scary.
4. Lionel does not know whether he should try the Hercules or Batman.
5. Its hard to imagine that either could be scarier than the Desperado.
6. People sat in rows of 2s and 3s in the hanging roller coaster.
7. Tomorröws rides will be even more amazing than todays rides.
8. They will be faster, bigger, and more daring.
9. Whos going to be brave enough to try these new roller coasters?



Next Step Write a journal entry (or a first draft of a story) about a special vehicle in your life. Make sure that you use apostrophes correctly in your writing. Share your results.

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.)



Directions

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.