

## Apostrophes 1

- In Contractions
- In Place of Omitted Letters or Numbers
- To Form Singular Possessives



For each numbered sentence below, correctly write the words or numbers that need an apostrophe.

*Example:* Uncle Pauls farm isnt the kind you might imagine.

*Answer:* Paul's isn't

(1) Its a tree farm in Vermont, and Uncle Paul "grows" maple syrup! (2) A maple trees sap looks clear and is slightly sweet. (3) The common brown color and maple flavor happen when its boiled.

(4) "Sugarin season" lasts four to six weeks, from February to April. (5) It doesnt seem to me that hanging a bucket on a tree is hard work. (6) "But ysee," says Uncle Paul, "theres a lot more to it than that. (7) Horse-drawn sleds have to carry the syrup buckets because the maple forests arent open or level enough for tractors. (8) Also, a sleds runners dont damage the tree roots like a tractors wheels would. (9) Then we cook the collected sap until its a thick syrup."

(10) I couldnt believe that it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup! (11) Each states maple tree sap has its own taste, so Massachusetts syrup doesnt taste the same as Vermonts. (12) Of course, you havent tasted the best until youve tried Uncle Pauls syrup.

*Next Step:* Explain the process for something you like to do. Include contractions and singular possessives. Properly place the apostrophes for each.

## Apostrophes 2

- To Form Plural Possessives
- To Show Shared Possession
- To Form Possessives with Compound Nouns and Indefinite Pronouns
- To Express Time or Amount



For each of the following sentences, correctly write the word or words that need an apostrophe.

1. Everyone's schedule is upset when a blackout occurs.  
*everyone's*
2. The eastern United States and Canada's worst blackout happened August 14, 2003.
3. Many people lost several hours work on their computers.
4. Annes, Jeremys, and Geoff's baseball games were canceled because of darkness.
5. My sister-in-law's candle store was very busy that night.
6. Nora, Kiki, and Sandys school had a generator, so people gathered there for the night.
7. It was anyone's guess as to when the power would be restored.
8. Surprisingly, people didn't panic at the night's unusual darkness.
9. People's attention turned to skies unusually bright with stars.
10. Next door, the Wagners house was lit with some oil lamps.
11. Their children's voices could be heard through the open windows.
12. Articles in the next days newspapers indicated how widespread the blackout was.
13. One editor in chief's column asked why the blackout happened.
14. The electric companies reports blamed it on Ohio power lines that short-circuited.