



Rules for Using The Apostrophe

Name _____

The apostrophe has 2 functions:

One is to show possession/ownership and the other is to show omission of letters or words.

1. An apostrophe shows ownership:

John's new shoes are red.

1a. These are the student's books.

Several books belonging to 1 student.

1b. These are the students' books.

Books belonging to a group of students.

My 3 friends' shirts are blue.

More than 1 friend.

The lions' Den

(More than 1 lion)

Amos' books (instead of Amos's books)

Sometimes a name ending on an s is given an apostrophe instead of an additional s and apostrophe as seen in the name Amos, typically both are correct.

1c. Add an apostrophe to the end of plural nouns that end in s:

Boys' hats.

Players' uniforms

2. An apostrophe is used in contractions when a word or letter(s) is missing:

2a. *Don't go outside. (Do not)*

I'll finish my homework later. (I will - I'll)

Apostrophe Use Worksheet #1

Name _____

Put in the appropriate apostrophes.

1. I cant go with you to Colins house.
2. Lets go to the Bears game on the weekend.
3. I dont think my dads hat will fit me.
4. The girls bathing suits need to be put in the dryer.
(several girls)
5. Im going to head down to Clarks department store later.
6. Wheres the book I was reading, Im really enjoying it?
7. I put the dogs bones in the lower cupboard.
(2 dogs)
8. I put the dogs bones in the lower cupboard.
(1 dog)
9. Im going to my friends house to work on homework.
10. Jans clothes are always in style.
11. Buy your notebooks here and youll save money.
12. The cats whiskers are covered in milk.

My mark out of 12 is _____.

Apostrophe Use Worksheet #2

Circle Put in the appropriate apostrophes.

Name _____

1. Dont write in Guss diary.
2. The bird ruffled its feathers while perched on the tree.
3. I have 6 months work to do before my holidays.
4. Texass weather has been strange as of late.
5. Mrs. Joness daughter will be coming over.
6. The three princesses crowns are shiny.
7. Janes and Joes yo-yos are fun to play with.
8. The kangaroo carried its baby in its pouch.
9. Somebodys child will be upset that swimming is cancelled.
10. The childrens toys need to be put away.
11. The next house is Karens house.
12. The monkey licked its lips after eating the banana.

My mark out of 12 is _____.

Apostrophe Use Worksheet #3

Name _____

Put in the appropriate apostrophes.

1. My dogs been so sick lately and Im wondering if hes ever going to get better.
2. Weve been having lots of fun in science classes.
3. Whys the dog eating from the cats dish?
4. Its time to wash the players uniforms.
5. My 2 cousins I-pods are so awesome!
6. The birds chirping in the morning wakes me up.
7. The class has made its decision theyre happy with it.
8. It was somebody elses idea to change the plans, not mine.
9. Jades been swimming since she was 6 months old!
10. Ive always wanted to be able to run fast.
11. Todds taking his sons helmet to the game for him.
12. She has her three daughters health to think about.

My mark out of 12 is _____.