

Lesson 403

Mechanics - Punctuation - Apostrophes

Use an *apostrophe* to indicate possession with *nouns*. A *plural noun* that does end in "s" forms the *possessive* adding just '. Write the noun; change no letters; drop no letters; and then simply add '. This rule is always the same for each plural noun that does not end in "s."

To be sure you need a possessive and not just a plural, say the word followed by "what."

Example:

I saw those *girls*.

"Girls" what? Nothing. "Girls" is a plural.

I saw those *girls'* gloves.

"Girls" what? Gloves. "Girls" is a possessive.

Instructions: Supply the *apostrophes* and "s" ('s) to make the *possessives* in the following sentences.

1. All the pupils seats were taken.
2. Mud had covered all of the girls dresses.
3. The lawyers fees came to a million dollars.
4. The Allens house burned to the ground last night.
5. The sailors parents were very worried by the news.