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PUNCTUATION
Apostrophe

Date _____

Rule 1: Use an apostrophe in a contraction to show where a letter or letters have been omitted.

wasn't = was not

she's = she is

Rule 2: Use an apostrophe to show possession (ownership):

A. If the word is singular (one), add apostrophe + s.

a man's watch

one girl's tent

Even if the singular noun ends in s, add 's.

Dennis's sister

B. If the word is plural (more than one) and ends in s, add an apostrophe after the s.

dogs' owner

girls' coach

C. If the word is plural (more than one) and does not end in s, add apostrophe + s.

singular: child

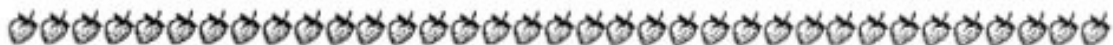
woman

plural: children

women

plural possessive: children's camp

women's team



A. Directions: Write the possessive.

1. buttons on a remote: _____

2. a restroom belonging to all men: _____

3. a trail for runners: _____

B. Directions: Insert needed apostrophes.

1. "Dont forget your umbrella," said Bennys mother.

2. Her brothers best friend cant go with us.

3. Wheres Cynthias new coat?

4. Marys sister likes to swing at a childrens playground.