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Grade Seven

Week 13 Day 1

Apostrophes in Possessives

Model: *I know that an apostrophe plus an /s/ is added to a singular noun to show ownership. An apostrophe is added after the /s/ to show ownership in a plural noun. For plural nouns not ending in /s/, an apostrophe plus /s/ is added to show ownership. When a singular noun ends with the /s/ or /z/ sound the possessive may be formed by adding just an apostrophe.*

Loretta's job is to drive a pick-up truck and fix things.
(singular noun)

The children's projects were set up in the gymnasium for the show.
(plural noun not ending in /s/)

The farmers' tractors were vandalized at the fair.
(plural noun)

Curtis' boss was disappointed in his attendance last week.
(singular noun ending in /s/ or /z/)

Example: Choose the sentence that is correct.

A. <i>only one student</i>	B. <i>more than one child</i>
<input type="radio"/> The books should be in the students' locker.	<input type="radio"/> The snacks belong in the childrens' room on the lower level.
<input type="radio"/> The books should be in the student's locker.	<input type="radio"/> The snacks belong in the children's room on the lower level.

Practice: Choose the sentence that is correct.

1. *more than one nurse*

- The nurse's station appeared to be abandoned.
- The nurses' station appeared to be abandoned.

2. *only one tree*

- The trees' roots were causing problems with the sewer.
- The tree's roots were causing problems with the sewer.

3. *more than one garden*

- The gardens' flowers are infested with insects.
- The garden's flowers are infested with insects.

4. *only one moose*

- Did you see the mooses' head on the wall of the restaurant?
- Did you see the moose's head on the wall of the restaurant?

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Review yesterday's independent practice checking the answers and discussing why each sentence is correct or incorrect.

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Example: Choose the sentence that is correct.

A. <i>only one brush</i>	B. <i>more than one story</i>
<input type="radio"/> The brushes' bristles irritated her head.	<input type="radio"/> Were you surprised at the story's multiple endings?
<input type="radio"/> The brush's bristles irritated her head.	<input type="radio"/> Were you surprised at the stories' multiple endings?

Practice: Choose the sentence that is correct.

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| 1. <i>more than one villager</i> | 4. <i>only one captain</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> How did the tropical storm affect the villagers' homes? | <input type="radio"/> The soldiers hesitated to obey the captains' orders. |
| <input type="radio"/> How did the tropical storm affect the villager's homes? | <input type="radio"/> The soldiers hesitated to obey the captain's orders. |
| 2. <i>only one buffalo</i> | 5. <i>more than one writer</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> The buffalo's hide was used to make wallets and belts. | <input type="radio"/> The writers' workshop was held at the Dade County Convention Hall. |
| <input type="radio"/> The buffalos' hide was used to make wallets and belts. | <input type="radio"/> The writer's workshop was held at the Dade County Convention Hall. |
| 3. <i>more than one bandit</i> | 6. <i>only one husband</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> We were shocked at the bandit's attack in broad daylight. | <input type="radio"/> Her husbands' plans changed when he heard she was ill. |
| <input type="radio"/> We were shocked at the bandits' attack in broad daylight. | <input type="radio"/> Her husband's plans changed when he heard she was ill. |

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Example: Choose the sentence that is correct.

A. <i>more than one thief</i>	B. <i>only one daughter</i>
<input type="radio"/> We saw the thief's pictures on the evening news.	<input type="radio"/> Their daughters' car was destroyed in the accident.
<input type="radio"/> We saw the thieves' pictures on the evening news.	<input type="radio"/> Their daughter's car was destroyed in the accident.

Practice: Choose the sentence that is correct.

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| <p>1. <i>more than one man</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> The mens' department is on the third floor.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The men's department is on the third floor.</p> <p>2. <i>only one opera</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> The opera's tickets cost seventy-five dollars.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The operas' tickets cost seventy-five dollars.</p> <p>3. <i>more than one actress</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the opening the actresses' behavior was appalling.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the opening the actress's behavior was appalling.</p> | <p>4. <i>only one century</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the century's end many reflections were written.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the centurys' end many reflections were written.</p> <p>5. <i>only one hog</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Did you smell the odor coming from that hog's pen?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Did you smell the odor coming from that hogs' pen?</p> <p>6. <i>more than one monkey</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the zoo the monkeys' performance is at noon.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> At the zoo the monkey's performance is at noon.</p> |
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Demonstration: There are words or phrases underlined in the paragraph below. A word or phrase is underlined because it may contain a mistake. Look carefully at each underlined word or phrase. If there is a mistake, use a pencil to make the correction in the space above it. If there is no mistake, write OK above the underlined word or phrase.

Alex's parents went on a business trip to South Korea. They borrowed their friends luggage and binoculars. At the airport they noticed that their cameras' lens was scratched. They quickly stopped in one of the airports' stores and purchased a new one for the trip.

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The first stop on their trip was Los Angeles' huge airport. Here they had to change planes. They boarded one of Boeing's most successful aircraft, the 747. The planes' seating was crowded, but comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Anniston were pleased that their seats were together for the long flight. Thirteen hours later they landed in South Koreas' capital city, Seoul.

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The Aniston's plane landed on time in Seoul at around six o'clock in the evening. Alexs' mom was starving and wanted to eat immediately. They decided to stop at one of the hotel's restaurants. They ordered a traditional Korean dinner. Korea's cuisine is based largely on rice, vegetables, fish, seaweed, and tofu (*dubu* in Korean). Typical meals are named for the number of side dishes (*banchan*) that accompany the rice, soup, and kimchi (fermented vegetables). Three dishes, five dishes, and up to twelve side-dish meals are served. The travelers eyes bugged out as the waiter began placing the side dishes on the table. The foods pungent flavours are from various combinations of sesame oil, soybean paste, soy sauce, salt, garlic, ginger, and most importantly, chilli pepper, which gives the food its' distinctive spicy taste. The Anistons' enjoyed everything except the kimchi. It was too spicy for their Western palettes!