

TIP

Form the possessive of a plural ending in **s** by adding just an apostrophe, as in armies—armies'. If the plural does not end in **s**, form its possessive by adding an apostrophe and **s**, as in men—men's.

LIST WORDS

1. *passengers'*
2. *armies'*
3. *families'*
4. *thieves'*
5. *ranches'*
6. *benches'*
7. *umpires'*
8. *airlines'*
9. *dresses'*
10. *hostesses'*
11. *banjos'*
12. *pianos'*
13. *men's*
14. *children's*
15. *bodies'*
16. *daisies'*
17. *televisions'*
18. *members'*
19. *governments'*
20. *businesses'*

Spelling Practice



Forming Plural Possessives

Write each **list word** that is formed by adding an apostrophe and **s** to a plural word.

1. _____ 2. _____

Write each **list word** that is formed by adding just an apostrophe to a plural word.

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____ 10. _____

11. _____ 12. _____

13. _____ 14. _____

15. _____ 16. _____

17. _____ 18. _____

19. _____ 20. _____

Possessives

The **list word** in each sentence needs an apostrophe. Circle the **list word**, and then write it correctly on the line.

1. All of the passengers meals were served hot. _____
2. Both umpires decisions are final. _____
3. Both businesses workers put in long hours. _____
4. The 50 members dues are paid every March. _____
5. The thieves names were in the newspaper. _____
6. The daisies petals were yellow and white. _____
7. All the benches seats had good cushions. _____
8. The two ranches cattle roam the open fields. _____
9. The four hostesses uniforms are exactly alike. _____
10. Our families homes are next to each other. _____

Word Search

Ten **list words** are hidden in the puzzle, but the apostrophes are missing. The words go across, up, down, backward, and diagonally. Circle each word. Then, write the words with apostrophes to show their plural possessives.

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

S	O	J	N	A	B	O	T
T	A	S	C	U	O	E	E
N	E	E	H	I	D	P	L
E	A	S	I	S	I	I	E
M	I	S	L	B	E	A	V
N	R	E	D	O	S	N	I
R	L	R	R	Q	R	O	S
E	I	D	E	M	A	S	I
V	N	A	N	U	E	T	O
O	E	P	S	O	M	N	N
G	S	A	R	M	I	E	S

Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

Find the twelve mistakes in the article below. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the **list words** correctly on the lines.

Thousands of years ago, Only the Chinese knew that silkworms spin the silk threads needed for making silk fabric. For a long time, government members efforts to guard thissecret worked. When other Countries discovered the wonderful cloth, they wanted to make it themselves. Some travelers discovered howto sneak Silkworms out of China. The thieves idea was to carry the creatures out inthe hollows of bamboo canes. The idea worked! Soon, other countries could Make silk fabric and produce mens, women's, and childrens clothing. Many families wardrobes could now include this fabric.

Proofreading Marks

- ∨ add apostrophe
- ^ add something
- / make small letter



1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____