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Apostrophes

Rules for Using Apostrophes

1. Add an apostrophe to a noun to show possession:

- For a singular noun or a plural noun that doesn't end in *s* (like *sheep*), add *'s*.

Example: "Catherine's mother would rinse the dust-coated plates before meals." (p. 8)

- For a plural noun ending in *s* (like *friends*), just add the apostrophe.

Example: "I look up and see kids' gluteal regions, as Thaddeus would say." (p. 13)

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2. Use an apostrophe to replace missing letters in a contraction.

Example: "That's when I see it." (p. 15)

Directions: In each example, one apostrophe is used correctly and one apostrophe is not. Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. Davids' parents think that he'll do well in his soccer game.
2. The children's dinner was'nt ready when they got home from school.
3. You shouldn't be mean to your sister—shes' already upset because she got in trouble at day care.
4. Be careful with your moms' delicate vase; she'd be sad if it broke!
5. Maritza's cat has to go to the vet today, and he isnt' going to be happy about it!
6. D'ont be afraid—that movie isn't as scary as they say it is.
7. I love going to my uncles' house for dinner because he's such a great cook.
8. Julia's favorite food is pizza, so wer'e going to have that for lunch on her birthday.