

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #74

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## **FOCUS**      Apostrophes (Plural Possessives)

Use **apostrophes for plural possessives**.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

For most plural possessive nouns (a noun showing ownership), place the comma after the *s*.

**Example:** boys' cups

Some plural possessives place the apostrophe before the *s*, if the plural is spelled differently than the singular.

<b>Examples:</b>	<b>Singular</b>	<b>Singular Possessive</b>	<b>Plural</b>	<b>Plural Possessive</b>
	woman	woman's	women	women's
	child	child's	children	children's

## **PRACTICE**

Place apostrophes in the proper places for plural possessives in the following sentences.

1. Will the Firemens Ball be held on the same weekend as last year?
2. The Smiths house is perfect for our graduation party.
3. Will the puppies food change over the next month?
4. I think that the womens group meets every other Tuesday at the clubhouse.
5. The Childrens Crusade was led by Nicholas in response to a dream.
6. Let's watch the girls basketball game before we go miniature golfing.
7. Have the boys asked to borrow their parents cars for the night?
8. The county restaurants plans to offer any left-over food to the homeless were ambitious.
9. There is no doubt that workers rights to health have not been fulfilled.
10. That Thompsons front yard needs some major clean-up, if you ask me.

## **WRITE**

Compose your own sentence with a plural possessive.

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## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #72 Practice Answers**

1. Jackie Smith (1845-1910) worked in the women's rights movement. You should read some of her descriptive letters (the ones to Charlene).
2. That new Bed and Breakfast (it was once a barn) is a popular rental with out-of-town visitors.
3. The Nile River (the longest river in the world) flows 4,000 miles through Egypt and the Sudan.
4. The common daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) can make a beautiful spring bouquet.
5. Thomas Jefferson (the author of the Declaration of Independence) seemed confused: he spoke out against the evils of slavery, but he himself owned slaves.
6. As you turn right, you will notice a large yellow house (the one with a white picket fence) and its remarkable front porch.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #73 Practice Answers**

child's, horse's London's, rose's, Mom's Nature's, Life's

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### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #75 Practice Answers**

1. I need the following items: toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb, and soap.
2. The magician performed a trick: It was more of a miracle.
3. The philosopher Santayana commented upon the value of history: Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.
4. Please play these pieces: "Aria and Fugue," "Suite in D Major," and "The 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony."
5. Only one fact remains true: Things never happen as planned.
6. She knew the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
7. The principal's rules were posted: Be Kind, Share with Others, Don't Touch.