

# 29.6 The Apostrophe (With Possessive Nouns, Joint and Individual Ownership) • Practice 2

**Exercise 1** Using Apostrophes to Make Singular Nouns Possessive. Write the underlined nouns, putting them in the possessive form.

EXAMPLE: The door of the bird cage was open. bird's

1. The student paper discussed the book in great detail. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Phyllis hair looked good styled that way. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The dog water bowl needs to be refilled. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Andrew pet turtle wandered from his bowl sometime last night. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The new representative performance on the floor of the House of Representatives was quite impressive. \_\_\_\_\_
6. New courses were listed in the college fall catalog. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jim coat shrank in the wash. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The cat claws need to be trimmed. \_\_\_\_\_
9. We read three of Robert Graves books. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A part of each month wages was added to our small but growing savings account. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2** Using Apostrophes to Make Plural Nouns Possessive. Write the underlined nouns, putting them into the possessive form.

EXAMPLE: The members dues should be paid this week. members'

1. The ladies desserts came with their coffee. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The children toys were scattered all over the floor. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The twins presents were to be kept hidden until their birthday. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Many important issues were discussed at the governors conference. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The critics reviews helped boost the confidence of the actors. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The presidential candidate promised to uphold the people interests. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The relatives invitations must be mailed immediately. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Neat and well-written was the best way to describe the women tests. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The visitors suitcases had not yet been unpacked. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The report said that the cities problems continue to grow worse each year. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 3** Using Apostrophes with Compound Nouns. In each blank, write the possessive form of the compound noun in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: The Red Cross lifesaving class starts next week. Red Cross's

1. The Secretary of State home was the scene of a recent reception for foreign dignitaries. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Colbert and Nelson store is having a three-day sale on sandals. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My father-in-law hair has a streak of gray in it. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The police chief wife is a police officer, too. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Camp Fire Girls summer program teaches children a great deal about nature. \_\_\_\_\_