

# Apostrophes 1

Apostrophes are used to form contractions and to show ownership or possession. (See 604.1, 604.4, and 606.1–606.4 in *Write Source* for more information about apostrophes.)

## Examples

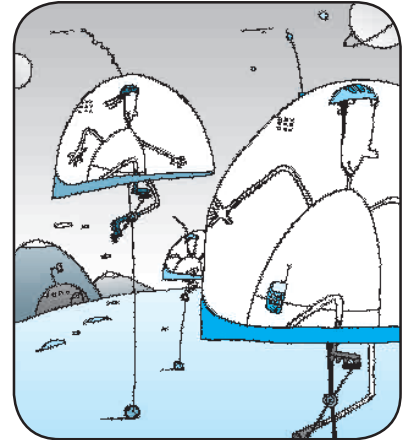
*To Form Contractions:*

**Wouldn't** riding a unicycle be fun?

(would + not = wouldn't)

*To Show Possession:*

A **unicycle's** wheel is small.



## Directions

For each of the underlined words below, write “C” if an apostrophe is used correctly, add apostrophes to the words that need them, and correct any misplaced apostrophes. The first two sentences have been done for you.

- 1 Paula loves to ride her friend's<sup>C</sup> unicycle. She didn't take
- 2 long to learn, and she doesn't<sup>✓</sup> worry about falling. A unicycle is
- 3 recognized easily by it's single wheel. Paula's friend received his unicycle
- 4 from his brother-in-law; its seat is mounted on a pole 20 feet high.
- 5 Naturally, a unicycles' pedals must be up near the seat. Paula's friend's
- 6 vehicle is not your usual, run-of-the-mill unicycle. Pumping a unicycle is
- 7 hard, sweaty work, so theres a fan installed on the 20-foot pole with a
- 8 generator attached to the wheel's hub. Isn't Paula's friends' riding
- 9 machine a sight to see? Now they cant wait to try out the
- 10 brother's-in-law new toy—a *miniature* unicycle.

# Apostrophes 2

By now, you know that apostrophes are used to form contractions and to show possession, but they can do other things, too. In this activity, you'll discover some other ways you can use apostrophes. (See 604.2, 604.3, and 606.5 in *Write Source* for more information.)

## Examples

*In Place of Omitted Letters or Numbers:*

In the summer of '98, we rode 16 rockin' roller coasters.

*To Form Plurals:*

Be sure to cross your t's and dot your i's.

*To Express Time or Amount:*

My dad took a week's vacation so that he could come with us.

## Directions

Add at least one apostrophe to each of the following sentences. You will need to form contractions in some sentences.

1. Marcel could not wait to ride the Son of Beast, the fastest wooden roller coaster in the world.
2. He saved a months worth of allowance for the class of 05 trip.
3. The figure 8s on this roller coaster made it especially scary.
4. Lionel does not know whether he should try the Hercules or Batman.
5. Its hard to imagine that either could be scarier than the Desperado.
6. People sat in rows of 2s and 3s in the hanging roller coaster.
7. Tomorrows rides will be even more amazing than todays rides.
8. They will be faster, bigger, and more daring.
9. Whos going to be brave enough to try these new roller coasters?

**Next Step** Write a journal entry (or a first draft of a story) about a special vehicle in your life. Make sure that you use apostrophes correctly in your writing. Share your results.