





## ACT Prep 5

We learned that we **NEVER, NEVER, NEVER** use an apostrophe to make a word into a **plural**. We use apostrophes only for:

### 1. Apostrophes for Contractions

- ▶ The apostrophe replaces the letter that has been dropped out:

DO NOT = DO N'T and then push it together: DON'T

### 2. Apostrophes for Ownership

#### SINGULAR NOUNS

#### IRREGULAR AND NON-CHANGING PLURAL NOUNS:

- ▶ ALWAYS: add 's

The toy belonging to the puppy:	the puppy's toy
The book belonging to Mr. Rogers:	Mr. Rogers's book
The toys belonging to the children:	The children's toys.
The shoes belonging to the men:	The men's shoes.

#### ALL REGULAR PLURAL NOUNS:

- ▶ ALWAYS: "bink" the plural—add: '

#### Examples:

The toys belonging to the boys:	The boys' toys
The desks of the workers:	The workers' desks
The cars of the Joneses:	The Joneses' cars

► ALWAYS: Make the plural and then "bink" the plural—

add: '

**Examples:**

The toys belonging to the boys:	The boys' toys
The desks of the workers:	The workers' desks
The cars of the Joneses:	The Joneses' cars

**Practice: Rewrite the noun in bold to show possession.**

1. The books belonging to the kids:                    the \_\_\_\_\_ books
2. The room for the teachers:                        the \_\_\_\_\_ room
3. The vacation of the sisters:                      the \_\_\_\_\_ vacation
4. The home of the Barney's:                        the \_\_\_\_\_ home
5. The speeds of the pitches:                         the \_\_\_\_\_ speeds

**Practice: Change nouns to plurals and add apostrophes to show possession as needed:**

The den of the three fox was being watched by two hungry coyote. The fox mother was away from the den. Louis was hunting with his brother. Louis rifle was loaded, and so was his brother rifle. Both brothers rifles fired at the two coyote as the three fox mother raced to the den. The fox life were saved.