

>> APOSTROPHES <<

Use an apostrophe and *-s* to form the possessive of singular nouns, singular indefinite pronouns, and plural nouns that do not end in *-s*. Use an apostrophe alone to form the possessive of a plural noun that end in *-s*.

The bus's horn each one's desk the books' cover the children's room

Put the last word of a compound noun in the possessive form. If two or more persons possess something jointly, use the possessive form for the last person named. If two or more persons possess an item individually, put each one's name in the possessive form. Also use the possessive form to express amounts of money or time that modify a noun.

my brother-in-law's dog Anita's and Bradley's house Lewis and Clark's journey six hours' difference

Use an apostrophe for contractions and in place of numerals omitted from a year. Use an apostrophe and *-s* to form the plural of letters and words used as themselves. Italicize only the letter or word, not the apostrophe or *-s*. Do not use an apostrophe with plural dates.

I will = I'll the blizzard of '99 the roaring 1920s making all *a*'s in class

⇒Directions: Write in the blank any word that requires an apostrophe or an apostrophe and *-s*. If it is correct, write correct in the blank.

_____ 1. While it is acknowledged that teens have large amounts of stress, some doctors reports show that there might be other factors affecting teens.

_____ 2. Despite teens own perceptions, some experts question whether stress is merely a convenient excuse for teen behaviors.

_____ 3. Its hard to know if all the negative effects teens report are really based on stress.

_____ 4. Todays teens, as compared to teens several years ago, do not necessarily have more responsibilities than those of the past.

_____ 5. Kristen Race, author of the book *Mindful Parenting*, says the fact that stress levels dip in the summer suggests how important summer is to children's mental health.

_____ 6. Races point also validates the idea that stress may be a very real factor affecting teenagers.

_____ 7. Nonetheless, stress effects are damaging and should be taken seriously if it begins to cause issues.

_____ 8. Theres no specific way to cope effectively with stress, but doctors offer some ideas.

_____ 9. Some suggestions include getting a good nights sleep, eating well, and talking to family and friends.

_____ 10. All in all, a good rule of thumb is to maintain a healthy balance in all of lifes demands.