

Apostrophes

An apostrophe is used to show possession.

With single nouns, an apostrophe is added and then the letter "s".

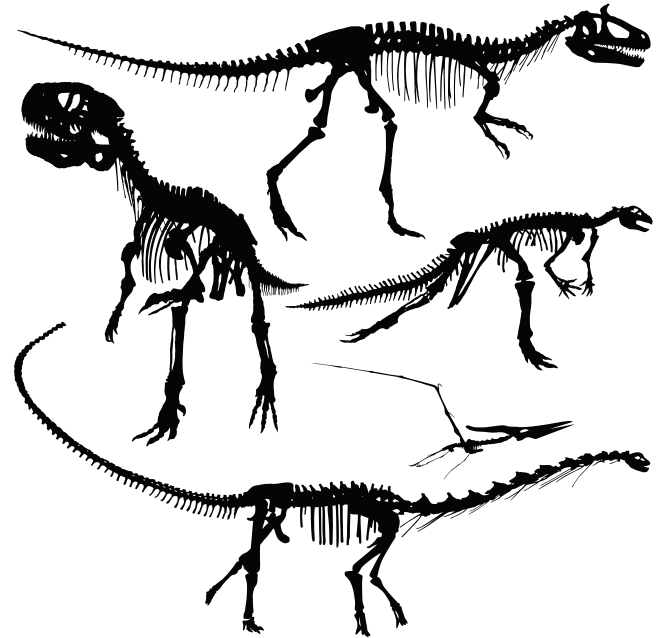
Mrs Carson's car.
(The car belongs to Mrs Carson.)



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With plural nouns, the apostrophe goes after the "s". (There are some exceptions to this rule.)

The dinosaurs' bones.
(The bones of more than one dinosaur.)



The teachers' cars.
(The cars for more than one teacher.)

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With irregular nouns that become plural by changing their spelling (such as tooth - teeth), the apostrophe is placed before the "s".

The children's toys.

The men's showers.

The women's hats.



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For proper nouns, where they do not end in "s", add apostrophe then s ('s).

I enjoyed Bill's latest novel.

I like Sandra's shoes.

Have you seen Sydney's shops?

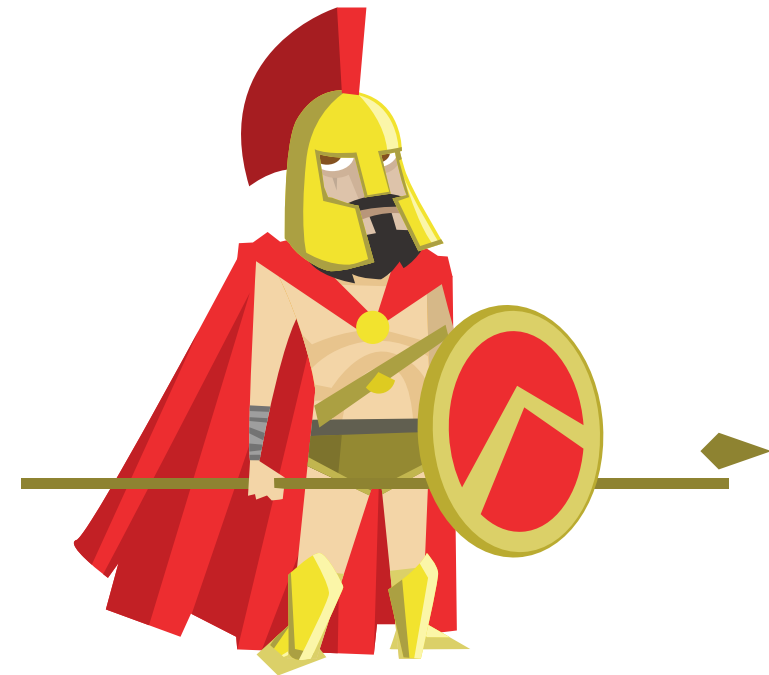


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For proper nouns that end in "s", and the pronunciation is awkward, just an apostrophe is added.

I read about Ulysses' adventures.

I would have liked to have seen Moses' new house.



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For proper nouns that end in "s", an apostrophe is added and then the letter "s".

I like Ross's pet goat.

Are you in Mr Jones's class?

Have you see Miss Charles's car?

