

## Apostrophes to Form Possessives 2

- > **Brown, Jenkins, and Smith's law firm**  
(When possession is shared by more than one noun, use the possessive form for the last noun in the series. Turn to 473.4.)
- > **Brown's, Jenkins', and Smith's law firms**  
(When possession is individual, make each noun possessive. Turn to 473.4.)
- > **boss's salary, Kiss's album** (When a singular noun ends in *s*, there are two ways to form the possessive. If the word has one syllable and can be pronounced easily, add an apostrophe and *s*. Turn to 472.3.)
- > **Ramses' tomb** (The other way is to add only an apostrophe. This is recommended when adding an *s* to the word would make the pronunciation difficult—*Moses's staff* or *Sophocles's plays*. Adding only an apostrophe is preferred for words of more than one syllable. Turn to 472.3.)

**Place** an apostrophe and *s* where needed to form possessives in the following phrases.

1. Dad and Mom <sup>✓s</sup>horse    2. Molly, Polly, and Mom vacation    3. George and Sam lunches  
 4. the lion and the horse manes    5. our town and their town festivals  
 6. Jane and Sal dog    7. the car and the truck headlights    8. the boy and the girl bedrooms  
 9. Moss elephants    10. Adam and Lois address

**Write** the plural, as well as the singular and plural possessives, for the words below.

	Plural	Possessive Singular	Possessive Plural
1. child	<i>children</i>	<i>child's</i>	<i>children's</i>
2. man	_____	_____	_____
3. mother-in-law	_____	_____	_____
4. lady	_____	_____	_____
5. woman	_____	_____	_____

**Extend:** Write sentences for the five words listed above. Practice forming both singular and plural possessives.