



Possessive apostrophes

A possessive apostrophe shows us who or what belongs to somebody or something.

We usually write the brothers of Madhur as Madhur's brothers,
and we write the sister of the brothers as the brothers' sister.

The apostrophe is always placed after the word that is "owning."
Add an *s* if it sounds necessary.

Write the friend of Thomas as Thomas's friend.



Rewrite the phrases below so that they include a possessive apostrophe. The first one
has been done for you.

the mango tree of his sister	<u>his sister's mango tree</u>
the wives of the men	_____
the beliefs of the tribe	_____
the fruit of the trees	_____
the wisdom of the Ancestor	_____
the roots of the mango tree	_____
the sons of the women	_____
the opinion of my sister	_____
the branches of the tree	_____
the laughter of the children	_____

These phrases work in the same way, although you might not think so! Rewrite them.

in the time of three days	<u>in three days' time</u>
in the time of one hour	_____
in the time of two weeks	_____