



## 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      his sister's mango tree
- 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 suits 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      in three days' time
- in the time of one hour      \_\_\_\_\_
- in the time of two weeks      \_\_\_\_\_