



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 _____