

## Apostrophe Tip Sheet

**To make something possessive, add 's for the following:**

*the singular form of a noun* (even if it ends in s). Example – dog's , James's, business's

*the plural form of a noun* that does not end in s. Example – children's

the end of a *compound noun*. Example – brother-in-law's

*joint possession*. Example – Mom and Dad's money

-The apostrophe after just the second name means the money belongs to both Mom and Dad. However, if they are not together, it would be:

Example – Mom's money and Dad's money.

**add ' for the following:**

*plural nouns* that end in s. Example – countries' laws

**Remember: Acronyms are treated the exact same way as words when making them possessive or plural.**

Example – “The CEOs of both companies worked together to achieve a goal.”

This example uses the proper plural form of an acronym.

Example – “The CEO's money was held in multiple bank accounts.”

The possessive is formed with the same 's as any other word.