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SAT: **Language** Test  
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## SAT Writing & Language Test:

- ☑ **Step #1:** Always determine what is **DIFFERENT** (changing) in the answer choices. THAT is the concept on which you are being tested.
  - ☑ If what you're being tested on is **punctuation that links ideas (within-sentence punctuation)**, use the **vertical line test** and process of elimination.
  - ☑ If what you're being tested on is the **use of commas**, determine which of the 4 uses and then use process of elimination.
  - ☑ If what you're being tested on is the **use of apostrophes**, determine which of the 4 uses and then use process of elimination.

### On the SAT, there are only 2 reasons to use an APOSTROPHE:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (a noun that OWNS/POSSESSES)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words become one and the ' replaces the missing letters)

Review of **POSSESSIVE NOUNS** needing **APOSTROPHES** (to show ownership)

Remember to **determine SINGULAR vs. PLURAL first** (based on the context of the sentence)

*Rules:*

Possessive **Nouns** (needing an **apostrophe**)

if a <b>singular (1) or plural</b> noun "owns" something (and doesn't end in "s")...	add <b>'s</b> <b>mother's (1)</b>
if a <b>singular (1) noun</b> "owns" something <b>and ends in "s" already...</b>	add <b>'</b> <b>(after the "s")</b> <b>bus'</b>
if a <b>plural noun (ending in s)</b> "owns" something	add <b>'</b> <b>politicians' campaigns</b> (more than 1)

*Grammar Concept:*

**(Singular or plural? How do you know? DETERMINE NUMBER FIRST!)**

a <b>books</b> markings <b>(How many books?</b> Only 1 because of the word "a" - apostrophe goes before the "s")	the <b>stores</b> policy <b>(How many stores?</b> Probably only 1, because of the word "the" & 1 policy.)
our <b>friends</b> birthmark <b>(How many friends?</b> Only 1, because there is only 1 birthmark.)	<b>Santa Claus</b> beard <b>(How many Santas?</b> Only 1 because there is only 1 beard.)
a <b>birds</b> beak <b>(How many birds?</b> Only 1 because of the word "a".)	the <b>birds</b> beaks <b>(How many birds?</b> More than one because there is more than one beak.)

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**Example 6:**

Some of the very 6 selective schools' require really high score's.

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- A.) NO CHANGE
- B.) selective school's require really high scores'.
- C.) selective schools require really high score's.
- D.) selective schools require really high scores.

**Example 7:**

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It's tough to get in to you're top-choice schools.

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- A.) NO CHANGE
- B.) Its tough to get in to your
- C.) Its tough to get in to you're
- D.) It's tough to get in to your

**APOSTROPHE or NO APOSTROPHE?**

Write in the option that works (from the screen in class):

\_\_\_\_\_ boss said \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to take the next few \_\_\_\_\_ off.  
If \_\_\_\_\_ not coming to my party, \_\_\_\_\_ really fine with me.  
\_\_\_\_\_ are really no good \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ bad attitude.  
\_\_\_\_\_ get back to you as soon as \_\_\_\_\_ application is received.  
\_\_\_\_\_ his/his' guacamole, and he said we \_\_\_\_\_ have any because \_\_\_\_\_  
not \_\_\_\_\_.