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books' pages mice's tails Use a possessive form to express amounts of money or time that modify a noun. somebody's car BUT his car two hours' time fifty cents' worth Use an apostrophe in place of letters omitted in contractions and in place of the omitted numerals of a particular year. Use an apostrophe and -s to form the possessive of a singular noun, even one that ends in -s. Chris's garden they are = they're she will = she'll class of 1992 = class of '92 Use only an apostrophe to form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in -s. Use an apostrophe and -s for a plural noun that does not end in -s. ■ A. Inserting Apostrophes Correctly Insert apostrophes where necessary in the sentences below. 1. Anyones guess is as good as mine. Anyone's 2. The Johnsons house cant be far from here. Johnsons', can't 3. The boys basketball team didnt do well this year. boys', didn't 4. Mr. Watsons employer wasnt in a good mood today. Watson's, wasn't Copyright © The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. 5. The geeses feathers were gray and black. geese's ■ B. Writing Possessives In the space provided, rephrase each of the expressions below, using the possessive form of the second noun. the shop's entrances 1. the entrances to the shop _____ my grandmother's birthday 2. the birthday of my grandmother _____ the blouses' prices 3. the prices of the blouses _____ the chintz's sheen 4. the sheen on the chintz _____ the lilies' delicacy 5. the delicacy of the lilies _____ the necklaces' disappearance 6. the disappearance of the necklaces _____ her purse's color 7. the color of her purse _____ the salesclerk's mistake 8. the mistake of the salesclerk _____ the Joneses' garden 9. the garden of the Joneses _____ the suspects' release 10. the release of the suspects _____ Writer's Choice: Grammar Practice Workbook, Grade 12, Unit 21 51 Grammar Practice Name Class Date 21.14-15 The Hyphen and Abbreviations Key Information Usually a hyphen is not used to join a prefix to a word, but exceptions include the following: • after any prefix joined to a proper noun or a proper adjective (pro-Japanese) • after the prefixes all-, ex- (meaning "former"), and self- (self-discovery) A hyphen is used in a compound adjective that precedes a noun but not in one that follows a noun. a reddish-brown dog The dog is reddish brown. Hyphenate a fraction used as an adjective (but not one used as a noun). one fourth of the price one-fourth price Hyphenate two numerals to indicate a span, and use hyphens to divide words at the end of a line, usually between syllables or pronounceable parts. Use abbreviations, or shortened forms of words, to save space and time and to avoid wordiness. Use your dictionary to check how to write a particular abbreviation. Hyphenate any spelled-out cardinal or ordinal compound number up to ninety-nine or ninety-ninth. ■ A. Using Hyphens Correctly On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite each of the sentences below, using hyphens only where needed. Then show where the italicized word in the sentence would be divided if it had to be broken at the end of a line. 1. Folk wisdom holds that bright colored autos are more likely to be ticketed than those that are gray or brown. bright-colored (wis-dom) one half (al-most) 3. Most of the drivers claim that they were going only a bit faster than fifty five miles per hour. fifty-five (fast-er) 4. Many of these thoughtless, self righteous lawbreakers react in an ill mannered way when they are caught. self-righteous, ill-mannered (thought-less) 5. They don't seem to recognize that they have broken a law that was carefully-considered before it was passed. carefully considered (be-fore) ■ B. Using Abbreviations Correctly On the same sheet of paper you used for the exercise above, rewrite the sentences below, using abbreviations for the italicized words or phrases. 1. She worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. CIA 2. Did she arrive at 2:00 ante meridiem? A.M. 3. She didn't seem to mind that it was only 30 degrees Fahrenheit outside. 30° F 4. Her undercover name is Doctor Jessica Stevens. Dr. 5. She is only 5 feet, 1 inch tall. 5 ft., 1 in. 52 Writer's Choice: Grammar Practice Workbook, Grade 12, Unit 21 Copyright © The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. 2. I heard that almost one-half of all speeding tickets are issued to drivers of red sports cars.