

FILL IN THE BLANKS! ANSWER SHEET

Are you ready for more practice negotiating possessive nouns with joint or separate ownership? Don't forget those tricky compound nouns are in there too!

Directions: Following the directions given in the parentheses, make the noun(s) in the parentheses possessive.

Example: Meg and Jo's (Meg and Jo – joint ownership) sisters were Beth and Amy.

1. One of the March girls and Laurie's (the March girls and Laurie – joint ownership) favorite pastime is putting on plays that Jo has written.
2. Usually, Jo played the hero, and Meg's, Beth's, and Amy's (Meg, Beth and Amy -separate ownership) roles were supporting.
3. When Laurie joined the actresses, he could take some of his future sisters-in-law's (sister-in-law – plural possessive) parts for them, which they appreciated.
4. (Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth – joint ownership) Meg, Jo, Amy, and Beth's desire to grow up meant they had to overcome their faults; Jo has to overcome her quick temper.
5. Amy had to deal with her desire to have money; she wanted it for limes to pay back the other schoolgirls' (schoolgirl – plural possessive) favors to her.
6. Beth's weakness was her shyness toward any passers-by's (passer-by – plural possessive) greetings or conversations.
7. Because Mr. Laurence appreciated Beth's musical talent, he gave her a piano, and she went over to thank him despite his seemingly gruff commander-in-chief's (commander-in-chief – singular possessive) exterior.
8. Not only does Jo have to deal with her anger, but Jo is also disappointed with Meg's and Amy's (Meg and Jo – separate ownership) marriages because she doesn't want life to change.
9. Jo eventually moves to New York to pursue her writing career, but she must write sensational stories that impress her editor-in-chief's (editor-in-chief – singular possessive) desire to sell papers.
10. Eventually, Jo returns to live near her mother and father's (mother and father – joint ownership) home where she opens a school.

Hint:

Pay attention as your classmate writes the answer on the board. If you spot an error, raise your hand!

