

# Read and Discover

## Apostrophes

### Lesson 45

Earth's geography has changed greatly over time. Geologists believe that a land bridge once connected Asia and North America. Historians **don't** agree on the date this bridge was formed.

Which boldfaced word shows possession or ownership? \_\_\_\_\_

Which boldfaced word is a combination of two words? \_\_\_\_\_

To form the **possessive** of a singular noun, add an **apostrophe** and *s* (*girl's shoe*). For plural nouns that end in *s*, add an apostrophe (*birds' nests*). For plural nouns that do not end in *s*, add an apostrophe and *s* (*children's boots*). **Apostrophes** are also used in **contractions**, two words that have been shortened and combined.

See Handbook Sections 7, 24, 26, and 28

### Part 1

Circle the correct word in parentheses. If the answer is a possessive, write *possessive*. If the answer is a contraction, write the two words the contraction was made from.

1. (Archaeologists'/Archaeologist's) studies show that human beings were living in North America by about 11,000 B.C. \_\_\_\_\_
2. These hunters and gatherers (didn't/did'nt) have fancy tools or weapons. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Prehistoric (hunter's/hunters') prey included mammoths, ground sloths, and other giants of the Ice Age. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A (hunter's/hunters') tools included stone points, spears, and knives. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Historians think that the crude stone weapons found at hunting sites (weren't/were'nt) strong enough to pierce the thick hides of the mammoth. \_\_\_\_\_
6. They believe that early (peoples/peoples') hunting methods more commonly included forcing herds of animals off cliffs. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Early North Americans (did'nt/didn't) rely on big game for their survival. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Seeds, plants, snails, and rabbits were also part of a prehistoric (families/family's) diet. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The West (Coast's/Coasts') first inhabitants probably relied on gathering fruits and seeds instead of hunting. \_\_\_\_\_