

Apostrophes

Apostrophes are used to show ownership, or possession.

For a singular noun, (one person or thing) add an apostrophe then s.

eg. The **boy's** computer was new. (one boy)

For a plural noun, add an apostrophe after the s.

eg. The **boys'** computer was broken. (more than one boy).

After a name ending in s, use 's as usual.

eg. Euripides's plays are very famous.

Define these words in your drama book:

*playwright
Greek tragedy
amphitheatre
chorus*

Put a possessive apostrophe in the correct place in each sentence.

ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA

1. The invention of Western drama was one of Ancient Greece's many cultural achievements.
2. The Greeks of Athens regarded theatre as a way of confronting society's political and religious problems.
3. Between 500 and 400 BCE, the world's greatest playwrights competed in Drama competitions.
4. Athens's most famous playwrights were Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides who all wrote tragedies.
5. The ancient myths and stories in Homer's poetry were the basis of most Greek plays.
6. A tragedy is any event with a sad outcome, but Ancient Greek tragedy showed a great person's change of fortune, mostly from good to bad.
7. The annual religious festival of Dionysus was one of the year's highlights and it involved many sacred rituals including theatre performances.
8. Plays were performed in a large, curved outdoor theatre called an amphitheatre, which were built into a hill's natural slope.
9. The amphitheatres capacity was 10,000 - 15,000 people.
10. One of Greek drama's innovations was to give the actors masks.
11. The main actors' masks helped the audience to recognise them from far away, and enabled them to play many characters.
12. Another feature of Greek drama was the use of a chorus of 12 to 15 actors who sang, danced and commented on the plot developments and the various characters' actions.
13. Another Greek playwright's contribution to the history of drama was the invention of comedy.
14. One of Ancient Greece's most famous playwrights was Aristophanes, who used comedy, witty language and jokes to mock society's important figures as well as politicians of the time.



Masks

