

# Ron Mouse's Social Diary



- The passage below is an example of the **recount** genre. A **recount** is a piece of writing which tells a series of events in the order in which they happened.
  - Capital letters are used for proper nouns. The name of a restaurant and film are used in the recount below; don't forget the capitals.
  - Titles of books, films and poems are also enclosed in quotation marks (sometimes called speech marks). Quotation marks are usually seen enclosing the actual words someone says.
  - Ron begins his account of each day the same way, 'On ... day ...'
- This is not good writing. Try to vary your sentences.



Hundreds of years ago ownership was shown by adding *-es* to words, e.g. the girles hair, the cates whiskers. You can see how confusing this is. The sounds made by *-at* and *-ate* are different but readers would have to adjust and pronounce the *-at* like *-ate* in cates.

This changed to 's'. Just as in contractions, the apostrophe reminds us that something has been left out. To show ownership; write the owner, place an apostrophe after the owner, then add *-s* if it is normally said.

Example: the eggs of the chicken—the chicken's eggs; the eggs of the chickens—the chickens' eggs

## Punctuation

The passage below is made up of 15 sentences. It needs 49 capital letters, 16 full stops, 5 apostrophes (4 in contractions and 1 showing ownership).



## Words

Rule lines through the incorrect homophones and highlight the correct ones. Do the same for the words that are often confused. Each sentence contains a spelling mistake. Circle the mistakes and write the corrections on the notepad.

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on munday i (was/were) dining at terrys house of fine food id reely recommend the food (there/their) on tuesday i ran (in to/into) clint westwood julia robots and jim curry i didnt (sea/see) the stop sine it was all sorted out down at the police stashon on wensday i went to the movies i (saw/seen) a film called people doing silly things to eatch other this is a comedy you hafto (see/sea) its a larf a second on thurday i was playing with my poodle in the park i pickt up a stick and (threw/through) it for him to fetch just as i looked up i (saw/seen) the basketball champoin called jumping jordan shooting hoops i went over (there/their/they're) to arsk for his autograph it was when he pickt me up and stuck me in the hoop i (new/knew) id upset him on friday someone came with a ladda to get me down on saturday i went to the office where it was nice and (quiet/quite) and (rote/wrote) this collum

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## Corrections

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## Your Turn

Write an account of your week.