

## UNIT 2 FOCUS ON WRITING A DESCRIPTION

### Using Possessive Nouns in Descriptions

Possessive nouns can make your writing less wordy. Notice how adding a possessive noun makes your sentences sound smoother.

- The sister of the girl studies North American birds.
- The girl's sister studies North American birds.

#### SMOOTH WRITING

Using possessive nouns can make your writing sound better.

**A** Make each sentence less wordy by replacing the underlined words with a possessive noun phrase. Write the new sentences.

1. The friend of my brother works in the Sonora Desert. 2. His white hat protects him from the rays of the sun. 3. The work that Michael does is a lot of fun. 4. Michael takes groups of children on nature walks through the desert. 5. Yesterday they saw the nests of three hawks.

**B** Add your own possessive noun to complete each sentence. Write the sentence.

6. My best \_\_\_\_ name is Mary. 7. \_\_\_\_ favorite place to visit is the desert. 8. We like to go there in her \_\_\_\_ car. 9. She showed me some \_\_\_\_ footprints in the sand. 10. Once we found a \_\_\_\_ bones near a cactus.

**C** Write a short description of someone you know. Include at least two possessive nouns. Check your writing to make sure that there are no unnecessary words.