

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.