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## Unit 2 Nouns

### Proofreading (Lessons 8-11, pp. 40-55)

Read the paragraphs below. Find the mistakes in spelling and in the use of capital letters and apostrophes. There are 12 mistakes in all. Use the proofreading marks to correct them.

Arbor day is our ~~country's~~ <sup>country's</sup> tree-planting holiday.

It is a day when men, ~~woman~~ <sup>women</sup>, and children make our towns and ~~citys~~ <sup>cities</sup> better places to live.

The holiday's history goes back to the 1870s and to a ~~P~~art of the country that is now Nebraska. Nebraska was known as the Nebraska Territory then. It had not become a state yet. People had moved there from other areas. The ~~settlers~~ <sup>settlers'</sup> old surroundings had been full of trees, but the new ~~home~~ <sup>homes</sup> of these recent arrivals were built on grasslands that had very few trees.

A Nebraska newspaper editor named Julius Sterling Morton often wrote about the importance of ~~T~~rees. He encouraged people to plant as many as possible and to participate in a new holiday called Arbor Day.

~~Mortons~~ <sup>Morton's</sup> idea was a success. The first Arbor Day took place on april 10, 1872. Since then, every state has chosen its own date to celebrate this ~~holidays~~ <sup>holiday</sup>. Why are the fifty states' official dates different? The time is based on a wide variety of weather conditions. After all, maine's best tree-planting time isn't the same as Mississippi's.

#### Proofreading Marks

- ^ Add
- o Period
- ✓ Take out
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter