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hi there can someone tell me what expression I should use in two weeks/ weeks' or week's time? Thank you The weeks are plural (there are two of them), so it should be in two weeks' time. ok thank you but I don't undersand why the apostrophe is used In two weeks' time If you can believe it, the time belongs to the weeks. That's interesting. I was always under the impression that ... 's or ...s' translated to "is " (or are) Adding an "S" without an apostrophe makes it plural. I guess what I mean is, I would have thought in two weeks time" would have been correct. Vicky Re: in two weeks/weeks' time/weeks time Thank you for your answers. Funny, in my book (Handbuch des englischen Sprachgebrauchs - it is mainly written in German) it says with a plural construction you can use it with or without the apostroph (examples from the book): In five minutes/minutes' time (days/days') In singular constructions the apostroph is necessary (again examples from the book): In a week's/month's/year's time Source The above is a quote from someone else's thread. It is the possessive form of 's. The weeks hold the time. The time belonging to the two weeks. I'm not 100% positive, but I think that German text is wrong. Perhaps what the text of the book really means is that you can say: In two weeks. or In two weeks' time. I just put that in to quote the other part. It is not my quote. It is that of another member. That's interesting. I was always under the impression that ... 's or ...s' translated to "is " (or are) Adding an "S" without an apostrophe makes it plural. It wouldn't be "he's wasting Lindas time." It's "he's wasting Linda's time." The "s" is a contraction of "is" in things like "it's, there's, he's". If in doubt, check some reference sites. HERE for BE. HERE for AE. They agree - one week's time, two weeks' time. Both sources are listed in the sticky thread at the top of this forum. For more general discussion about apostrophes and possessives, please look up possessive in the WR dictionary. Last edited: Nov 11, 2011 I thought we were being asked where the apostrophe went, not whether it was mandatory. I think we need to have it, because we say in one week's time - never in one week time. This means we need the possessive apostrophe for two weeks too - i.e. two weeks' time, the correct form is "in two weeks' time " because that's a possessive one. So, as far as I know, it's "s " . concerning kasik's question I'd like to get an explanation for that if anyone can help Fascinating discussion, but why even use the word time in the expression? Wouldn't in two weeks convey the meaning? Can week(s) be anything but time? I see what you mean, SwissPete. But, adding the word time is very common. It kind of adds emphasis to the discussion. It is also something that we are more likely to hear in a professional setting as well. But, it is used very often in all topics of discussion. I guess it also depends on the person doing the talking. Fascinating discussion, but why even use the word time in the expression? Wouldn't in two weeks convey the meaning? Can week(s) be anything but time? I realise this is a very old thread but had to respond... There is a world of difference. If I say "I will complete the task in 2 weeks" I could be saying that the task will take 2 weeks (and I could schedule it to be completed in a year's time). On the other hand if I say "I will complete the task in 2 weeks' time" the task itself may take only one hour, but I am committing to have it done two weeks from now. So the meanings are entirely different. If I were to say, "I'm going to Ted's house" I could also say, "I'm going to Ted's." Right? So does that mean I could also say, "I'll do it in 2 weeks' " meaning, of course, that I'll do it in 2 weeks' time. Hi everyone! What do you call a man who is very sexually active and gets all the girls he can? A girl would be called a slut. I would like an informal word for that kind of man, or a slang. Thank you This is a perfect illustration of the double standard that exists. A man who sleeps with many women is usually called "a player" which doesn't have the negative connotation of "a slut". If you want to insist on the negative nature of this behave, the term "a male whore"or more familiarly "a man slut" is used. Colloquially some people say 'man-whore' but I don't think its proper english. I'd go with womanizer. I guess it depends on what you consider slang, which is what Alaor is looking for. "Womanizer" definitely isn't American slang these days, especially not in my generation. Also you could call the man a slut, even if it is generally applied to women, it might then be more of an insult. I guess it depends on what you consider slang, which is what Alaor is looking for. "Womanizer" definitely isn't American slang these days, especially not in my generation. Agreed. And I also agree that we'd need to know if the original poster would like the term to be pejorative. In the meantime, I should point out these threads: Man-whore vs. gigolo Man-slut