

Apostrophe

Grade 5

Exercise 1: Identifying Possessive Apostrophes. Determine whether each sentence uses apostrophes correctly. If incorrect, provide the correct form.

1. The teachers classroom was well organized.

2. Both students' projects received high marks.

3. The childrens toys were scattered across the floor.

4. James's car is parked in the driveway.

5. The womens' department is on the second floor.

6. Chris' presentation impressed everyone.

7. The Joneses' house is at the end of the street.

8. My boss's decision affected the entire team.

9. The three countries' representatives signed the treaty.

10. The foxs tail was bushy and red.

Exercise 2: Contractions vs. Possessives. Fill in the blank with the correct form: its/it's, your/you're, their/they're/there, or whose/who's.

1. The cat licked _____ paws clean.

2. _____ the new teacher in our school.

3. Please put the books over _____.

4. The team celebrated _____ victory with a party.

5. I think _____ going to enjoy this movie.

6. _____ coat is this? I found it in the hallway.

7. _____ been a long time since we last met.

8. The house lost _____ roof during the storm.
9. _____ planning to visit us this weekend.
10. Please return the book to _____ rightful owner.

Exercise 3: Apostrophe Placement. Add apostrophes where needed in the following sentences.

1. The childrens playground was recently renovated.
2. Thats not what I meant to say.
3. My brothers wife is a doctor.
4. The mechanics tools were all organized neatly.
5. The books cover was torn.
6. Three weeks notice is required before termination.
7. The Harrises dog escaped from their yard yesterday.
8. The witnesss testimony was crucial to the case.
9. Carlos and Marias apartment is downtown.
10. The city councils decision was unanimous.

Exercise 4: Correcting Common Apostrophe Errors. Identify and correct the apostrophe errors in the following sentences.

1. The Smith's are coming to dinner tonight.

2. I bought three DVD's at the store yesterday.

3. In the 1990's, the internet became widely available.

4. The dog wagged it's tail happily.

5. Who's book is this on the table?

6. The ladie's room is down the hall.

7. They were talking about your's and my's responsibilities.

8. The tree lost all of it's leaves in autumn.

9. The doctor's offices' are closed on weekends.

10. She has two PhD's from prestigious universities.

Exercise 5: Mixed Apostrophe Usage. Underline the correct form in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. (Its, It's) been three years since we moved here.
2. The (mens, men's, mens') department is on the first floor.
3. The (company's, companies, companies') profits increased last quarter.
4. I borrowed (Charles, Charles', Charles's) laptop for the presentation.
5. (Youre, Your) going to miss the bus if you don't hurry.
6. The (childrens, children's, childrens') playground needs repairs.
7. (Theres, Theirs, There's) no need to worry about that now.
8. All of the (students', student's) books were left in the classroom.
9. We visited (James and Sarahs, James' and Sarah's, James's and Sarah's) new house.
10. She got all (As, A's, As') on her report card this semester.

Exercise 6: Creating Sentences with Apostrophes. Write a sentence for each of the following items, using apostrophes correctly.

1. A possession belonging to one dog

2. A possession belonging to multiple dogs

3. A contraction of "we will"

4. A possession belonging to a woman named Chris

5. A contraction of "should not"

6. Joint possession (two people owning one thing)

7. Individual possession (two people each owning their own thing)

8. The possessive form of "it"

9. The contraction of "who has"

10. The plural form of the letter "A" (as in the grade)

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Answer Key

Exercise 1: Identifying Possessive Apostrophes

1. Incorrect: The teacher**'s** classroom was well organized.
2. Correct
3. Incorrect: The **children's** toys were scattered across the floor.
4. Correct
5. Incorrect: The **women's** department is on the second floor.
6. Acceptable in some style guides, but **Chris's** is preferred in most modern style guides.
7. Correct
8. Correct
9. Correct
10. Incorrect: The **fox's** tail was bushy and red.

Exercise 2: Contractions vs. Possessives

1. its
2. who's
3. there
4. their
5. you're
6. Whose
7. It's
8. its
9. They're
10. its

Exercise 3: Apostrophe Placement

1. The **children's** playground was recently renovated.
2. **That's** not what I meant to say.
3. My **brother's** wife is a doctor.
4. The **mechanic's** tools were all organized neatly.
5. The **book's** cover was torn.

6. Three **weeks'** notice is required before termination.
7. The **Harrises'** dog escaped from their yard yesterday.
8. The **witness's** testimony was crucial to the case.
9. **Carlos and Maria's** apartment is downtown.
10. The city **council's** decision was unanimous.

Exercise 4: Correcting Common Apostrophe Errors

1. The **Smiths** are coming to dinner tonight.
2. I bought three **DVDs** at the store yesterday.
3. In the **1990s**, the internet became widely available.
4. The dog wagged **its** tail happily.
5. **Whose** book is this on the table?
6. The **ladies'** room is down the hall.
7. They were talking about **yours** and **my** responsibilities.
8. The tree lost all of **its** leaves in autumn.
9. The **doctors' offices** are closed on weekends.
10. She has two **PhDs** from prestigious universities.

Exercise 5: Mixed Apostrophe Usage

1. It's
2. men's
3. company's
4. Charles's (preferred in most style guides, but Charles' is acceptable in some)
5. You're
6. children's
7. There's
8. students'
9. James and Sarah's (for joint possession of one house)
10. A's (acceptable) or As (preferred in some modern style guides)

Exercise 6: Creating Sentences with Apostrophes

Note: These are sample answers. Any sentences that use the requested apostrophe forms correctly are acceptable.

1. The dog's bone was buried in the backyard.

2. The dogs' leashes were hanging by the door.
3. We'll meet you at the restaurant at seven o'clock.
4. Chris's artwork was displayed in the gallery.
5. You shouldn't worry about the exam.
6. David and Lisa's wedding was beautiful.
7. David's car and Lisa's motorcycle are both in the garage.
8. The company announced its new policy yesterday.
9. Who's seen my glasses?
10. She received all A's on her report card.

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