

UNIT 10 APOSTROPHES AND QUOTATION MARKS

**TEST
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Write the letter of the sentence that does *not* have an error in the use of apostrophes. [3 points each]

- 1 a. Earls' report was about a farmer's daily life.
b. Earl's report was about a farmer's daily life.
c. Earl's report was about a farmers' daily life. 1 _____
- 2 a. The team's victory was due to two boy's playing.
b. The teams' victory was due to two boys' playing.
c. The team's victory was due to two boys' playing. 2 _____
- 3 a. Tomorrow's paper will contain all the winners' names.
b. Tomorrows paper will contain all the winners' names.
c. Tomorrows' paper will contain all the winner's names. 3 _____
- 4 a. The children's sleep was disturbed by a dogs' barking.
b. The childrens' sleep was disturbed by a dog's barking.
c. The children's sleep was disturbed by a dog's barking. 4 _____
- 5 a. A pilot's first duty is to consider all passengers' safety.
b. A pilots' first duty is to consider all passengers' safety.
c. A pilot's first duty is to consider all passenger's safety. 5 _____
- 6 a. Two boy's fathers made all the children's lunches.
b. Two boys' fathers made all the children's lunches.
c. Two boys' father made all the childrens' lunches. 6 _____
- 7 a. Several pupil's papers were on the teacher's desk.
b. Several pupils' papers were on the teachers' desk.
c. Several pupils' papers were on the teacher's desk. 7 _____
- 8 a. This girl's job is to check all the men's reports.
b. This girl's job is to check all the mens' reports.
c. This girls' job is to check all the men's reports. 8 _____

Write the letter of the sentence in which the italicized contractions are spelled correctly. [3 points each]

- 9 a. He *isn't* sure that *it's* safe. b. He *isent* sure that *its'* safe.
c. He *is'nt* sure that *its* safe. 9 _____
- 10 a. *We're* afraid he *does'nt* know. b. *We're* afraid he *dosent* know.
c. *We're* afraid he *doesn't* know. 10 _____
- 11 a. *Let's* see if *they're* at home. b. *Lets* see if *they're* at home.
c. *Lets'* see if *there're* at home. 11 _____
- 12 a. *Who's* the boy who *cann't* swim? b. *Who'se* the boy who *can't* swim?
c. *Who's* the boy who *can't* swim? 12 _____

Each sentence contains one word from which the apostrophe should be omitted. Copy this word, omitting the apostrophe.
[3 points each]

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| 13 | The <i>Brown's</i> <i>don't</i> like dogs. | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | <i>Let's</i> not open the <i>gift's</i> before Christmas. | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | <i>Helen's</i> office is just like <i>your's</i> and <i>Linda's</i> . | 15 | _____ |
| 16 | Our <i>neighbor's</i> tree <i>extend's</i> over our roof. | 16 | _____ |
| 17 | Jerry put <i>it's</i> leash in <i>Mother's</i> coat pocket. | 17 | _____ |
| 18 | The <i>Harts'</i> new car <i>won't</i> be delivered for three <i>day's</i> . | 18 | _____ |

Copy the correct word in each of the two pairs. [2 points each]

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| 19 | (<i>It's</i> , <i>Its</i>) usually in (<i>its</i> , <i>it's</i>) nest at this time. | 19 | _____ |
| 20 | (<i>They're</i> , <i>Their</i>) lights are always on when (<i>they're</i> , <i>their</i>) at home. | 20 | _____ |
| 21 | (<i>Your</i> , <i>You're</i>) always changing (<i>your</i> , <i>you're</i>) mind. | 21 | _____ |
| 22 | (<i>Whose</i> , <i>Who's</i>) the girl (<i>whose</i> , <i>who's</i>) poster won? | 22 | _____ |
| 23 | (<i>Let's</i> , <i>Lets</i>) see if he (<i>let's</i> , <i>lets</i>) us help him. | 23 | _____ |
| 24 | (<i>It's</i> , <i>Its</i>) better not to drive when (<i>you're</i> , <i>your</i>) tired. | 24 | _____ |
| 25 | (<i>They're</i> , <i>their</i>) pleased with (<i>your</i> , <i>you're</i>) gift. | 25 | _____ |

Write the letter of the sentence that is correctly punctuated and capitalized. [4 points each]

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| 26 | a. The man said, "That the fishing is poor today."
b. The man said that the fishing is poor today. | 26 | _____ |
| 27 | a. The coach replied, "Football is a rough game."
b. The coach replied football is a rough game. | 27 | _____ |
| 28 | a. "This is an age of miracles", began the speaker.
b. "This is an age of miracles," began the speaker. | 28 | _____ |
| 29 | a. "What else would you like?" asked the waitress.
b. "What else would you like?" asked the waitress. | 29 | _____ |
| 30 | a. Miss Dale announced, "Your test will be tomorrow."
b. Miss Dale announced, "your test will be tomorrow." | 30 | _____ |
| 31 | a. "Have you heard the news?" asked Peggy.
b. "Have you heard the news," asked Peggy? | 31 | _____ |
| 32 | a. "What a handsome horse," exclaimed Roberto!
b. "What a handsome horse!" exclaimed Roberto! | 32 | _____ |
| 33 | a. The little girl asked, "Why do elephants eat with their tails?"
b. The little girl asked, "Why do elephants eat with their tails"? | 33 | _____ |