APOSTROPHES – EXERCISE 1

Directions: Choose the correct evaluation of each underlined word. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Annoying music escaped from Kinya’s ear buds.
   
   A. Kinya’s contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. No apostrophe is needed.

2. Buy your own pens! You cannot borrow ours.
   
   A. Ours does not need an apostrophe.
   B. Ours should have an apostrophe between the r and s: our’s.
   C. Ours should have an apostrophe after the s: ours’.

3. Ask Henry for help. His brain possess’s all kinds of strange trivia.
   
   A. Possess’s contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. You must spell the word like this: possesses.

4. The alarm clocks buzz startled Shane awake.
   
   A. Clocks does not need an apostrophe.
   B. Clocks should have an apostrophe between the k and s: clock’s.

5. While the bee buzzes among the blooms, a patient mantis waits to strike.
   
   A. Buzzes does not need an apostrophe.
   B. You must spell the word with an apostrophe: buzz’s.
   C. You must spell the word with an apostrophe: buzzes’.
6. The **Larsen's** decided not to shutter their windows even though they were taking vacation at the height of hurricane season.

   A. *Larsen's* contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. The apostrophe should come after the *s: Larsens'*.  
   C. *Larsens* should not have an apostrophe.

7. Betty Ann could not resist petting the adorable poodle **puppie's**.

   A. *Puppie's* contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. No apostrophe is needed.
   C. *Puppies* should have the apostrophe after the *s: puppies'*. 

8. Our stomachs might burst! We **shouldn't** have eaten so many fried cheese sticks.

   A. *Shouldn't* contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. The apostrophe must come between the *d and n*, where the space was omitted: **should'nt**.

9. Phillip banged his **knees'** on the metal bar beneath the desk.

   A. *Knees'* contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. *Knees* should have the apostrophe before the *s: knee's*.
   C. There's no apostrophe in **knees**.

10. **Kimberly's** agile fingers typed the password too quickly for Pedro to catch.

    A. *Kimberly's* contains a correct apostrophe.
    B. The apostrophe should come after the *s: Kimberlys'*.  

11. We wouldn’t try one of your oatmeal raisin cookies for cash. **We’ave** seen your dirty kitchen!

   A. **We’ave** is a correct contraction.
   B. You must spell the word like this: **we’ve**.

12. We spent more time on our science fair project than Karen and Denny did, but everyone is ignoring our work to view **their’s** instead!

   A. **Their’s** contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. **Theirs** should have the apostrophe after the **s**: **theirs’**.
   C. **Theirs** should **not** have an apostrophe.

13. The **pools** leaf covered surface did not invite Brandi to swim.

   A. **Pools** does **not** need an apostrophe.
   B. **Pools** should have an apostrophe between the **l** and **s**: **pool’s**.
   C. **Pools** should have an apostrophe after the **s**: **pools’**.

14. In the morning, my dog Skeeter loves to sleep in the sunlight that **pool’s** on the living room floor.

   A. **Pool’s** contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. You don’t put an apostrophe in **pools**.
   C. **Pool’s** should have the apostrophe after the **s**: **pools’**.

15. **Delores’s** leg jigged while Professor Caldero explained the plagiarism penalties for the research essay.

   A. **Delores’s** contains a correct apostrophe.
   B. You must spell the word like this: **Deloreeses**.
16. Our mouths were so full of delicious brownie’s that we could not speak.

A. Brownie’s contains a correct apostrophe.
B. Brownies should have the apostrophe after the s: brownies’.
C. Brownies should not have an apostrophe.

17. Anthony try’s to enjoy his tropical fish, but the aquarium glass is filthy with algae.

A. Try’s contains a correct apostrophe.
B. You must spell the word like this: trie’s.
C. You must spell the word without an apostrophe: tries.

18. Marcus harasses his little sister Maggie by pulling her long braids.

A. Harasses does not need an apostrophe.
B. You must spell the word with an apostrophe: harass’es.

19. Maggie looked up in time to swat Marcus’s hand from her face.

A. Marcuses correctly shows possession.
B. You must punctuate the word like this: Marcus’s.

20. Eva can’t believe her bad luck! First, her professor gave a pop quiz in chemistry, and now a water main break means the bathrooms are inoperable!

A. Means does not need an apostrophe.
B. Means should have an apostrophe between the n and s: mean’s.
C. Means should have an apostrophe after the s: means’.