

# APOSTROPHES – EXERCISE 2

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

- To avoid muddy dog <sup>(A)</sup> prints on <sup>(B)</sup> Mom’s clean floor, we left the <sup>(C)</sup> puppy’s in the backyard.
  - prints’
  - Moms
  - puppies
  - No change is necessary.
- <sup>(A)</sup> Strands of hair whipped <sup>(B)</sup> Jessica’s face as the cold wind blew through the bare <sup>(C)</sup> trees.
  - Strand’s
  - Jessicas
  - tree’s
  - No change is necessary.
- Even on the <sup>(A)</sup> belts last hole, the baggy <sup>(B)</sup> jeans keep sliding off <sup>(C)</sup> Roger’s hips, making the poor boy waddle like a penguin.
  - belt’s
  - jean’s
  - Rogers
  - No change is necessary.

4. Even after four <sup>(A)</sup> **cups** of coffee, Melissa <sup>(B)</sup> **couldn't** muster the energy to finish the journal assignments for Professor <sup>(C)</sup> **Koopman's** class.
- A. cup's  
B. couldn't  
C. Koopmans  
D. No change is necessary.
5. The lawn <sup>(A)</sup> **mower's** roar woke Stephen from a sound sleep. He cursed his <sup>(B)</sup> **neighbor's** dedication to yard maintenance and dove under the <sup>(C)</sup> **blanket's**.
- A. mowers  
B. neighbors  
C. blankets  
D. No change is necessary.
6. The bed beckoned with <sup>(A)</sup> **it's** soft pillows and warm blankets, but Tommy still had 25 <sup>(B)</sup> **problems** to solve for Mr. <sup>(C)</sup> **Takashima's** algebra class.
- A. its  
B. problems'  
C. Takashimas  
D. No change is necessary.
7. Jeannette hated my Halloween costume, but she loves <sup>(A)</sup> **zombies**, so <sup>(B)</sup> **she'll** like <sup>(C)</sup> **your's**.
- A. zombie's  
B. she'll  
C. yours  
D. No change is necessary.

8. Lissette <sup>(A)</sup> **ca'nt** believe her <sup>(B)</sup> **roommate's** bad manners; Alex has once again left the bathroom sink full of shaving cream and <sup>(C)</sup> **whiskers**.
- A. can't  
B. roommates  
C. whisker's  
D. No change is necessary.
9. <sup>(A)</sup> **Esther's** eyeglasses are cloudy with fingerprints, but her brother <sup>(B)</sup> **Nile's** keeps his <sup>(C)</sup> **lenses** pristine.
- A. Esthers  
B. Niles  
C. lense's  
D. No change is necessary.
10. Mrs. Majeed frowned as she glanced at the blue <sup>(A)</sup> **team's** answers. We certainly hope she <sup>(B)</sup> **smile's** when she sees <sup>(C)</sup> **ours**.
- A. teams  
B. smiles  
C. our's  
D. No change is necessary.
11. Every morning, Clarissa straightens her <sup>(A)</sup> **curls** with a flat iron and <sup>(B)</sup> **reapply's** metallic pink polish to her <sup>(C)</sup> **fingernails**.
- A. curl's  
B. reapplies  
C. fingernails'  
D. No change is necessary.

12. Looking for <sup>(A)</sup> **signs** of wear to disqualify the issue as mint, Sheldon inspected the comic <sup>(B)</sup> **book's** <sup>(C)</sup> **corners** and spine.
- A. sign's
  - B. books
  - C. corners'
  - D. No change is necessary.
13. <sup>(A)</sup> **Antoine's** fingers are never still; if this young man <sup>(B)</sup> **isn't** drumming out a song on the desk, then <sup>(C)</sup> **he's** snapping a rubber band or twirling pens.
- A. Antoinnes
  - B. is'nt
  - C. his
  - D. No change is necessary.
14. <sup>(A)</sup> **Line's** of worry creased <sup>(B)</sup> **Samuel's** forehead as he scanned the quiz <sup>(C)</sup> **items**.
- A. Lines
  - B. Samuels
  - C. item's
  - D. No change is necessary.
15. The contents of <sup>(A)</sup> **Christina's** purse include tangled <sup>(B)</sup> **necklaces**, an uncapped lip balm, and her <sup>(C)</sup> **roommates** missing watch.
- A. Christinas
  - B. necklaces'
  - C. roommate's
  - D. No change is necessary.

16. (A) **Nicks** collection of (B) **hats** includes a ball cap shaped like a plate of (C) **tacos**.
- A. Nick's
  - B. hats'
  - C. taco's
  - D. No change is necessary.
17. We (A) **could'nt** see well from our seats, so when Byron and his (B) **friends** left to buy popcorn, we stole (C) **theirs**.
- A. couldn't
  - B. friend's
  - C. their's
  - D. No change is necessary.
18. (A) **Ben's** bad attitude (B) **gets** him in trouble in class. We need to convince Ben to uncross his (C) **arm's** and smile on occasion.
- A. Bens's
  - B. get's
  - C. arms
  - D. No change is necessary.
19. As (A) **James** was writing his concluding paragraph, his (B) **pencil** point broke. Rummaging in his book bag for another writing instrument, he hoped that his great last (C) **line's** wouldn't escape.
- A. Jame's
  - B. pencil's
  - C. lines
  - D. No change is necessary.

20. Gloria covered her <sup>(A)</sup> ears with her hands and focused on the quiz <sup>(B)</sup> questions; she tried to ignore the techno music escaping from <sup>(C)</sup> Chandler's ear buds.

- A. ear's
- B. question's
- C. Chandlers
- D. No change is necessary.

