Apostrophes – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 of Grammar Bytes! Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

1. To avoid muddy dog prints on Mom’s clean floor, we left the puppy’s in the backyard.
   A. prints’  
   B. Moms  
   C. puppies  
   D. No change is necessary.

2. Strands of hair whipped Jessica’s face as the cold wind blew through the bare trees.
   A. Strand’s  
   B. Jessicas  
   C. tree’s  
   D. No change is necessary.

3. Even on the belts last hole, the baggy jeans keep sliding off Roger’s hips, making the poor boy waddle like a penguin.
   A. belt’s  
   B. jean’s  
   C. Rogers  
   D. No change is necessary.

4. Even after four cups of coffee, Melissa couldn’t muster the energy to finish the journal assignments for Professor Koopman’s class.
   A. cup’s  
   B. couldn’t  
   C. Koopmans  
   D. No change is necessary.

5. The lawn mower’s roar woke Stephen from a sound sleep. He cursed his neighbor’s dedication to yard maintenance and dove under the blanket’s.
   A. mowers  
   B. neighbors  
   C. blankets  
   D. No change is necessary.
6. The bed beckoned with it's soft pillows and warm blankets, but Tommy still had 25
   A problems to solve for Mr. Takashima's algebra class.
   B C
   A. its
   B. problems'
   C. Takashimas
   D. No change is necessary.

7. Jeannette hated my Halloween costume, but she loves zombies, so she'll like your's.
   A B C
   A. zombie's
   B. she'll
   C. yours
   D. No change is necessary.

8. Lissette ca'nt believe her roommate's bad manners; Alex has once again left the bathroom
   A B
   sink full of shaving cream and whiskers.
   C
   A. can't
   B. roommates
   C. whisker's
   D. No change is necessary.

9. Esther's eyeglasses are cloudy with fingerprints, but her brother Nile's keeps his lenses
   A B C
   pristine.
   A. Esthers
   B. Niles
   C. lense's
   D. No change is necessary.

10. Mrs. Majeed frowned as she glanced at the blue team's answers. We certainly hope she
    A B C
    smile's when she sees ours.
    A. teams
    B. smiles
    C. our's
    D. No change is necessary.
11. Every morning, Clarissa straightens her **curls** with a flat iron and **reapplies** metallic pink polish to her **fingernails**.

A. curl's  
B. reapplies  
C. fingernails'  
D. No change is necessary.

12. Looking for **signs** of wear to disqualify the issue as mint, Sheldon inspected the comic book's corners and spine.

A. sign's  
B. books  
C. corners'  
D. No change is necessary.

13. **Antoine's** fingers are never still; if this young man **isn't** drumming out a song on the desk, **then** he's snapping a rubber band or twirling pens.

A. Antoine's  
B. isn't  
C. his  
D. No change is necessary.

14. **Line's** of worry creased **Samuel's** forehead as he scanned the quiz **items**.

A. Lines  
B. Samuels  
C. item's  
D. No change is necessary.

15. The contents of **Christina's** purse include tangled **necklaces**, an uncapped lip balm, and her roommate's missing watch.

A. Christinas  
B. necklaces'  
C. roommate's  
D. No change is necessary.

16. **Nicks** collection of **hats** includes a ball cap shaped like a plate of **tacos**.

A. Nick's  
B. hats'  
C. taco's  
D. No change is necessary.
17. We **could‘nt** see well from our seats, so when Byron and his **friends** left to buy popcorn, we stole **theirs**.

A. couldn‘t  
B. friend‘s  
C. their‘s  
D. No change is necessary.

18. **Ben‘s** bad attitude **gets** him in trouble in class. We need to convince Ben to uncross his **arm‘s** and smile on occasion.

A. Bens‘s  
B. get‘s  
C. arms  
D. No change is necessary.

19. As **James** was writing his concluding paragraph, his **pencil** point broke. Rummaging in his **book bag** for another writing instrument, he hoped that his great last **line‘s** wouldn‘t escape.

A. Jame’s  
B. pencil’s  
C. lines  
D. No change is necessary.

20. Gloria covered her **ears** with her hands and focused on the quiz **questions**; she tried to ignore the techno music escaping from **Chandler’s** ear buds.

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