

APOSTROPHES – EXERCISE 3

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.

1. Outside, the sun ^(A) makes ^(B) Boris's red hair glow with copper ^(C) tone's.

A. make's
B. Borises
C. tones
D. No change is necessary.

2. ^(A) Louies moustache has long waxed ^(B) whiskers that curl down like walrus ^(C) tusks.

A. Louie's
B. whisker's
C. tusk's
D. No change is necessary.

3. Nick slammed the ^(A) oven door shut when he discovered ^(B) Mom's burning ^(C) pie's inside.

A. oven's
B. Moms
C. pies
D. No change is necessary.

4. Rebecca borrowed ^(A) **Elijahs** baseball cap since she would have no chance of catching ^(B) **fly balls** with the sun right in her ^(C) **eyes**.
- A. Elijah's
B. fly ball's
C. eye's
D. No change is necessary.
5. We notice that Phyllis ^(A) **always** ^(B) **wash's** her hands, so if we try an hors d'oeuvre, we want one of ^(C) **hers**.
- A. alway's
B. washes
C. her's
D. No change is necessary.
6. Missing ^(A) **apostrophes**, overabundant commas, and abused ^(B) **semicolons** make ^(C) **Deons** essay a mess.
- A. apostrophe's
B. semicolon's
C. Deon's
D. No change is necessary.
7. Sam and Sara ^(A) **always** have extra ^(B) **supplies**, so if you forgot to bring a pencil, ask to borrow one of ^(C) **theirs**.
- A. alway's
B. supply's
C. theirs'
D. No change is necessary.

8. (A) **Waves** crashed on the beach, and (B) **clouds** darkened the sky. The (C) **days** rough conditions convinced us to stay out of the water.
- A. Wave's
 - B. cloud's
 - C. day's
 - D. No change is necessary.
9. No matter what tool Kyle tried, he (A) **could'nt** remove the rusty (B) **screws** from the (C) **door** frame.
- A. couldn't
 - B. screw's
 - C. door's
 - D. No change is necessary.
10. Elephants are (A) **Jeremy's** favorite animal. He (B) **cringe's** every time he hears that (C) **poachers** have slaughtered another herd.
- A. Jeremys
 - B. cringes
 - C. poachers'
 - D. No change is necessary.
11. Zebras grazed in the (A) **zoos** paddocks while (B) **tigers** paced in concrete and iron (C) **cages**.
- A. zoo's
 - B. tiger's
 - C. cages'
 - D. No change is necessary.

12. Pedro never puts much effort into his ^(A) **cookies**, but we slaved for ^(B) **hour's** on ^(C) **ours**, so you should definitely try one!
- A. cookie's
B. hours
C. our's
D. No change is necessary.
13. I decided to borrow ^(A) **Elizabeth's** scarf because the ^(B) **colors** matched my outfit, and she ^(C) **wouldn't** notice it was missing until hours after I left.
- A. Elizabeths
B. color's
C. would'nt
D. No change is necessary.
14. Melody's rendition of "I Will Always Love You" hurt our ^(A) **ears**, but you have a nice singing voice, so ^(B) **were** hoping to enjoy ^(C) **yours**.
- A. ear's
B. we're
C. your's
D. No change is necessary.
15. Ben stared at ^(A) **Jennifers** reflection in the plate glass library window. He admired the many ^(B) **curls** that cascaded down her back and the pink poodle ^(C) **earrings** dangling from her lobes.
- A. Jennifer's
B. curl's
C. earring's
D. No change is necessary.

16. After Alex skinned both of his ^(A) **knees**, he propped his unicycle against the ^(B) **garage** wall and no longer ^(C) **ride's** it.
- A. knee's
B. garage's
C. rides
D. No change is necessary.
17. Frances tried my chocolate-broccoli ^(A) **muffins** and made a face. Maybe ^(B) **hell** like ^(C) **yours** better since you use fresh broccoli.
- A. muffin's
B. he'll
C. yours'
D. No change is necessary.
18. In the hot classroom, ^(A) **Warren's** ^(B) **glass's** kept slipping down ^(C) **his** sweaty nose.
- A. Warrens
B. glasses
C. he's
D. No change is necessary.
19. ^(A) **Hannah's** hackles rose at ^(B) **Jermaine's** criticism of her essay. Never mess with Hannah if she ^(C) **hasn't** had her coffee yet.
- A. Hannahs
B. Jermaines
C. has'nt
D. No change is necessary.

20. We will try the cupcakes because they are ^(A) Tara's, not ^(B) yours. Unlike you, Tara ^(C) doesn't sneeze into the mixing bowl!

- A. Taras
- B. your's
- C. does'nt
- D. No change is necessary.

