

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.

1. To avoid muddy dog ^(A) prints on ^(B) Mom’s clean floor, we left the ^(C) puppy’s in the backyard.

A. prints’
B. Moms
C. puppies
D. No change is necessary.
2. ^(A) Strands of hair whipped ^(B) Jessica’s face as the cold wind blew through the bare ^(C) trees.

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

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

12. Looking for ^(A) **signs** of wear to disqualify the issue as mint, Sheldon inspected the comic ^(B) **book's** ^(C) **corners** and spine.
- A. sign's
 - B. books
 - C. corners'
 - D. No change is necessary.
13. ^(A) **Antoine's** fingers are never still; if this young man ^(B) **isn't** drumming out a song on the desk, then ^(C) **he's** snapping a rubber band or twirling pens.
- A. Antoinnes
 - B. isn't
 - C. his
 - D. No change is necessary.
14. ^(A) **Line's** of worry creased ^(B) **Samuel's** forehead as he scanned the quiz ^(C) **items**.
- A. Lines
 - B. Samuels
 - C. item's
 - D. No change is necessary.
15. The contents of ^(A) **Christina's** purse include tangled ^(B) **necklaces**, an uncapped lip balm, and her ^(C) **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 ^(A) ears with her hands and focused on the quiz ^(B) questions; she tried to ignore the techno music escaping from ^(C) Chandler's ear buds.

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

