

Apostrophes – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 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. Outside, the sun makes Boris's red hair glow with copper tone's.
A B C
A. make's
B. Borises
C. tones
D. No change is necessary.
2. Louies moustache has long waxed whiskers that curl down like walrus tusks.
A B C
A. Louie's
B. whisker's
C. tusk's
D. No change is necessary.
3. Nick slammed the oven door shut when he discovered Mom's burning pie's inside.
A B C
A. oven's
B. Moms
C. pies
D. No change is necessary.
4. Rebecca borrowed Elijahs baseball cap since she would have no chance of catching fly balls with the sun right in her eyes.
A B C
A. Elijah's
B. fly ball's
C. eye's
D. No change is necessary.
5. We notice that Phyllis always wash's her hands, so if we try an hors d'oeuvre, we want one of hers.
A B C
A. alway's
B. washes
C. her's
D. No change is necessary.

6. Missing apostrophes, overabundant commas, and abused semicolons make Deons
essay a mess.
A B C
- A. apostrophe's
B. semicolon's
C. Deon's
D. No change is necessary.
7. Sam and Sara always have extra supplies, so if you forgot to bring a pencil, ask to borrow
one of theirs.
A B C
- A. always's
B. supply's
C. theirs'
D. No change is necessary.
8. Waves crashed on the beach, and clouds darkened the sky. The days rough conditions
convinced us to stay out of the water.
A B C
- A. Wave's
B. cloud's
C. day's
D. No change is necessary.
9. No matter what tool Kyle tried, he couldn't remove the rusty screws from the door frame.
A B C
- A. couldn't
B. screw's
C. door's
D. No change is necessary.
10. Elephants are Jeremy's favorite animal. He cringe's every time he hears that poachers
have slaughtered another herd.
A B C
- A. Jeremys
B. cringes
C. poachers'
D. No change is necessary.
11. Zebras grazed in the zoos paddocks while tigers paced in concrete and iron cages.
A B C
- A. zoo's
B. tiger's
C. cages'
D. No change is necessary.

12. Pedro never puts much effort into his cookies, but we slaved for hour's on ours, so you should definitely try one!

A

B

C

- A. cookie's
- B. hours
- C. our's
- D. No change is necessary.

13. I decided to borrow Elizabeth's scarf because the colors matched my outfit, and she wouldn't notice it was missing until hours after I left.

A

B

C

- 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 ears, but you have a nice singing voice, so were hoping to enjoy yours.

A

B

C

- A. ear's
- B. we're
- C. your's
- D. No change is necessary.

15. Ben stared at Jennifers reflection in the plate glass library window. He admired the many curls that cascaded down her back and the pink poodle earrings dangling from her lobes.

A

B

C

- A. Jennifer's
- B. curl's
- C. earring's
- D. No change is necessary.

16. After Alex skinned both of his knees, he propped his unicycle against the garage wall and no longer ride's it.

A

B

C

- A. knee's
- B. garage's
- C. rides
- D. No change is necessary.

17. Frances tried my chocolate-broccoli muffins and made a face. Maybe hell like yours better since you use fresh broccoli.
A B C
- A. muffin's
 B. he'll
 C. yours'
 D. No change is necessary.
18. In the hot classroom, Warren's glass's kept slipping down his sweaty nose.
A B C
- A. Warrens
 B. glasses
 C. he's
 D. No change is necessary.
19. Hannah's hackles rose at Jermaine's criticism of her essay. Never mess with Hannah if she hasn't had her coffee yet.
A B C
- A. Hannahs
 B. Jermaines
 C. has'nt
 D. No change is necessary.
20. We will try the cupcakes because they are Tara's, not yours. Unlike you, Tara doesn't sneeze into the mixing bowl!
A B C
- A. Taras
 B. your's
 C. does'nt
 D. No change is necessary.



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