**APOSTROPHES – EXERCISE 4**

**Directions:** Use an *apostrophe* (or **APOSTROPHE + S**) to simplify the long phrase in bold. Write the new version in the box above the phrase. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. The calculator that belongs to Jeffrey has keys sticky with peanut butter.

2. The sudden change of the stoplight made Shane slam on his breaks.

3. The bad table manners of Pedro include chewing and talking simultaneously. No wonder Maria won't agree to a date!

4. Curling outside the nostrils, the nose hair of Adam repulses Laurie, who sits across the table.
5. The money that Elvis hides in the cookie jar is greasy with butter.

6. The stiff bristles on the brush do not apply paint smoothly.

7. A hungry crow snatched the half-eaten hot dog that Todd abandoned on the picnic table.

8. The cell phone that Marco uses is shiny with potato chip grease.

9. The barrettes that Luciana wears in her hair are antiques from her great-grandmother.

10. At work, the sullen attitude that Harriet demonstrates inspires customers to take their money elsewhere.
11. With their long necks, the giraffes have defoliated the top branches of the trees.

12. The clumsiness that plagues Anastasia makes wearing 4-inch heels impossible.

13. The dirtiness of the public restroom inspired Beatrice to wait until she got home to go.

14. The lack of grammatical control that Nicholas demonstrates translates into low grades on essays.

15. Look at all of those teeth marks! That must be a pencil that belongs to Tobias.

16. All night, we listened to the loud party that the neighbors threw.
17. **The annoyance that Erika experiences** every time that Leonard burps at the dining room table will soon mean he has to eat dinner on the sofa.

18. **The perseverance that Isabelle showed** in calculus has paid off with an A in the class.

19. **The crusty surfaces of the dishes** indicate that Ramsey hasn’t cleaned the kitchen in days.

20. **The insistent meowing of the cats** tells Selena that it’s time to feed her seven felines.