

# 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.

[Empty rectangular box]



5. **The money that Elvis hides in the cookie jar** is greasy with butter.

[Empty rectangular box]



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

[Empty rectangular box]



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

[Empty rectangular box]



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

[Empty rectangular box]



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

[Empty rectangular box]



10. At work, **the sullen attitude that Harriet demonstrates** inspires customers to take their money elsewhere.

[Empty box]



11. With their long necks, the giraffes have defoliated **the top branches of the trees.**

[Empty box]



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

[Empty box]



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

[Empty box]



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

[Empty box]



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

[Empty box]



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.

