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# 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 <sup>(A)</sup> makes <sup>(B)</sup> Boris’s red hair glow with copper <sup>(C)</sup> tone’s.
  - A. make’s
  - B. Borises
  - C. tones
  - D. No change is necessary.
2. <sup>(A)</sup> Louies moustache has long waxed <sup>(B)</sup> whiskers that curl down like walrus <sup>(C)</sup> tusks.
  - A. Louie’s
  - B. whisker’s
  - C. tusk’s
  - D. No change is necessary.
3. Nick slammed the <sup>(A)</sup> oven door shut when he discovered <sup>(B)</sup> Mom’s burning <sup>(C)</sup> pie’s inside.
  - A. oven’s
  - B. Moms
  - C. pies
  - D. No change is necessary.

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

8. <sup>(A)</sup> **Waves** crashed on the beach, and <sup>(B)</sup> **clouds** darkened the sky. The <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **could'nt** remove the rusty <sup>(B)</sup> **screws** from the <sup>(C)</sup> **door** frame.
- A. couldn't
  - B. screw's
  - C. door's
  - D. No change is necessary.
10. Elephants are <sup>(A)</sup> **Jeremy's** favorite animal. He <sup>(B)</sup> **cringe's** every time he hears that <sup>(C)</sup> **poachers** have slaughtered another herd.
- A. Jeremys
  - B. cringes
  - C. poachers'
  - D. No change is necessary.
11. Zebras grazed in the <sup>(A)</sup> **zoos** paddocks while <sup>(B)</sup> **tigers** paced in concrete and iron <sup>(C)</sup> **cages**.
- A. zoo's
  - B. tiger's
  - C. cages'
  - D. No change is necessary.

12. Pedro never puts much effort into his <sup>(A)</sup> **cookies**, but we slaved for <sup>(B)</sup> **hour's** on <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **Elizabeth's** scarf because the <sup>(B)</sup> **colors** matched my outfit, and she <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **ears**, but you have a nice singing voice, so <sup>(B)</sup> **were** hoping to enjoy <sup>(C)</sup> **yours**.
- A. ear's
  - B. we're
  - C. your's
  - D. No change is necessary.
15. Ben stared at <sup>(A)</sup> **Jennifers** reflection in the plate glass library window. He admired the many <sup>(B)</sup> **curls** that cascaded down her back and the pink poodle <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **knees**, he propped his unicycle against the <sup>(B)</sup> **garage** wall and no longer <sup>(C)</sup> **ride's** it.
- A. knee's
  - B. garage's
  - C. rides
  - D. No change is necessary.
17. Frances tried my chocolate-broccoli <sup>(A)</sup> **muffins** and made a face. Maybe <sup>(B)</sup> **hell** like <sup>(C)</sup> **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, <sup>(A)</sup> **Warren's** <sup>(B)</sup> **glass's** kept slipping down <sup>(C)</sup> **his** sweaty nose.
- A. Warrens
  - B. glasses
  - C. he's
  - D. No change is necessary.
19. <sup>(A)</sup> **Hannah's** hackles rose at <sup>(B)</sup> **Jermaine's** criticism of her essay. Never mess with Hannah if she <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **Tara's**, not <sup>(B)</sup> **yours**. Unlike you, Tara <sup>(C)</sup> **doesn't** sneeze into the mixing bowl!

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

