### Contraction or Possessive Pronoun?

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**Please select the proper word.**

1. The dog ate (it’s, its) dinner.
2. (It’s, Its) going to rain tomorrow.
3. The team elected (it’s, its) captain.
4. The man said that (it’s, its) too hot to play baseball.
5. (You’re, Your) studying apostrophes in this lesson.
6. (You’re, Your) book is on the table.
7. If (you’re, your) ready, you may begin the test.
8. Please give me (you’re, your) opinion.
9. Tom said that (he’s, his) lost his new iPod.
10. Jerry will lend you (he’s, his) book tomorrow.
11. (Their, There, They’re) going to win the game!
12. (Their, There, They’re) children are at the party.
13. (Their, There, They’re) goes my new car!
14. The Smiths borrowed my car. (Their, There, They’re) car is in the shop.
15. It was Mr. Lee (whose, who’s) car was stolen.
16. (Whose, Who’s) going to the soccer game?
17. (Whose, Who’s) book is this?
18. Karen was the teacher (whose, who’s) book was chosen to be published.
Adjective or Adverb?

Please review each sentence carefully and choose the appropriate word.

1. Always drive (careful, carefully).
2. Be (careful, carefully)!
3. Sara waited (patient, patiently) for class.
4. My notes are very (careful, carefully) written.
5. We played (good, well), but our team lost.
6. Write this address (clear, clearly).
7. Time passed (slow, slowly).
8. We were (sure, surely) bored.
9. She always does her work (good, well).
10. We had to talk (loud, loudly) over the noise.
11. Jackie sleeps (good, well) at night.
12. The music started very (sudden, suddenly).
13. The boy can swim (good, well).
14. The man ran (quick, quickly) up the stairs.
15. I was (real, really) happy about the news.
16. He does (good, well) on his tests.
17. The announcer talks too (loud, loudly).
18. Harry sings (bad, badly) in church.
19. I had a cold and felt (bad, badly) for days.
20. The class worked (good, well) together.
21. The chef chopped the onions (fine, finely).
22. Sara writes (bad, badly).
23. Sara has (bad, badly) handwriting.
24. The teacher speaks so (quiet, quietly) that I can’t hear him.
25. Sam feels (bad, badly) about losing the paper.
Apostrophe Practice 1

If the sentence is correct, place a C in the blank. If it has an error, please revise it.

1. The blue car's are expensive. _____
2. The doctor's patients' bills were sent in the mail. _____
3. Are you going with the Smith's? _____
4. John's parents' didn't like Michelle. _____
5. The women's department was full of men. _____
6. I went to my familie's party. _____
7. My son's car is too small. _____
8. The runners' ran at the L. A. Marathon. _____
9. The department managers' are in a meeting. _____
10. My dog's food is in the garage. _____
11. I took my sisters' child to school. _____
12. The children's parents are helpful. _____
13. The student's didn't finish the homework. _____
14. The boy's are out playing. _____
15. The Chandler's are going to the Phillipines. _____
16. Kathys clothes were eaten by wolves. _____
17. The Smiths' house was robbed. _____
18. They have their own businesses. _____
19. The Garcia's are having a big party on Saturday night. _____
20. The patient's bed was undone. _____
21. The athlete's will run a mile. _____
22. The Carbajals' are coming for dinner. _____
23. Sarah has a collection of gorilla's. _____
24. Marys' cooking needs some help. _____
25. My grandmother house is on fire. _____
Apostrophe Practice 2

Please review each sentence for incorrect use of the apostrophe or incorrect word use. If the sentence is correct, write a C in the blank.

1. There going to work out at the gym. ___
2. Whose going to Disneyland tomorrow? ___
3. Both of my parents cars are insured. ___
4. The womens department is on your left. ___
5. The Lopezes boat blew up yesterday. ___
6. All of the Chavez’s are going to the party. ___
7. Two attorneys statements were given today. ___
8. Several companys records will be audited. ___
9. The Kellys purchased a new house. ___
10. My families story will appear in the paper. ___
11. Hallie love’s to go swimming in the lake. ___
12. The dog was given it’s dinner. ___
13. The Ramirez’s son won the award. ___
14. The lady’s shoe department is having a sale. ___
15. All of the Lees were members of the church. ___
16. All of the Perkinses friends came to the wedding. ___
17. Several students’ attended the luncheon. ___
18. That corporations’ officers created the project. ___
19. The O’Donnells’ purchased a house. ___
20. Each of the childrens paintings was displayed. ___
21. The three owners lawyers were at the hearing. ___
22. The three house’s were painted yesterday. ___
23. Whose going to the meeting on Tuesday? ___
24. The students brought there books to class. ___
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Please write the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

1. Timmy is ________________ (young) than his brother.
2. Sheila ran ________________ (fast) than I did.
3. Tom is ________________ (angry) than his boss about the situation.
4. The book is ________________ (slow) than the movie.
5. The weather is ________________ (hot) today than yesterday.
6. Jeff is the ________________ (big) football player on the team.
7. Tom is the ________________ (happy) of all the students.
8. The puppy was the ________________ (fat) one in the litter.
9. Bess lost weight and is the ________________ (thin) woman in the room.
10. Tom has the ________________ (red) hair I have ever seen.
11. Ted is ________________ (handsome) than his father.
12. The book is ________________ (exciting) than the movie.
13. She seems ________________ (sympathetic) than her friend.
14. Brent wrote the ________________ (interesting) essay of the two.
15. Of the two assistants, Roxanne seems ________________ (competent).
16. This is the ________________ (accurate) story I have ever read.
17. Of all the chefs, Todd made the ________________ (delicious) cake.
18. He has the ________________ (vicious) dog in the neighborhood.
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1. Terry was __________ (good) at math than her sister.
2. Juan sings __________ (loudly) than Teresa.
3. Today is __________ (hot) than yesterday.
4. This movie is __________ (exciting) than the one I saw last week.
5. Ron is the __________ (old) child in the family.
6. Van’s handwriting is the __________ (neat) in the class.
7. Phyllis drives __________ (carefully) than Susan.
8. Susan caught a __________ (big) fish than her father did.
9. This vacation is __________ (expensive) than the one we took last spring.
10. The students are studying __________ (often) than they did last semester.
11. This book is the __________ (sad) I have ever read.
12. Serge seems __________ (mad) about the problem than his brother is.
13. Nobody sings __________ (well) than Maria.
14. Elsie works __________ (carefully) at her job than Joe does.
15. Of all the students, Rubina looked the __________ (sleepy).
Unit 4 Sample Quiz

Please make the following nouns plural.

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Please review the following sentences for correct use of the apostrophe. Make corrections above the sentence. (2 points each)

1. Jim's wife placed all of the coat's in the closet.

2. Mrs. Plummers children attended one schools’ holiday party.

3. Several secretary’s sent they're supervisors a report of the meeting.

Please identify the patterns in the following sentences. In addition, please label adjectives and adverbs. (Each word is worth one point)

1. Ms. Lopez will remain chairperson of the committee for another year.

2. Chester and Tomiko bought a huge old house last summer.

3. During the earthquake the roof of the apartment building collapsed.

The following sentence contains misused modifiers. Please rewrite the sentences using proper grammar. (1 point each)

1. Lola felt real sick after the game last night.

2. The teacher said that the class did fine on the exam.

3. Beth treats her little sister bad.

4. I did really good on the last quiz.

5. We should not talk too loud in the library.
Midterm Exam Sample A

A. Please label the words in the sentences to identify the following patterns. In addition, label each adverb and adjective word or phrase. (Each element is worth one point.)

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1. Last year a dangerous wildfire destroyed several mobile homes.
2. Georgina will remain our department secretary for another semester.
3. Maria and her husband recently celebrated their anniversary in Las Vegas.
4. The television crew waited for the lawyer outside the courtroom.
5. In December the Chavez family might go to Canada for a long vacation.
6. Last year Roxanne became a substitute teacher at a local high school.

B. Choose the proper verb to complete each sentence. Read carefully! (1 point each)
1. The classrooms on the fifth floor of the library (has, have) new computers.
2. An inventory of equipment and supplies (was, were) posted on the wall.
3. Sam (has written, had written, wrote) his paper several weeks ago.
4. Marco (has lived, lived, had lived) in New York for several years now.
5. Mrs. Jeffrey (sprained, had sprained, was spraining) her ankle several hours before she went to the doctor’s office.
6. This class (works, has worked, is working) on the midterm exam right now.
7. Dr. Lopez often tells me that I (eat, had eaten, ate) too much sugar.
8. The class (has studied, had studied, was studying) verbs all last month.
9. Ana (washed, was washing, has washed) her car when she slipped and fell.
10. Kendra (publishes, will publish, will have published) her article by December 2008.

C. Please write the correct form of the verb in the blank. Spelling counts! (1 point each)
1. Last month Joseph ___________________________ (buy) Karen’s house.
2. The teacher ___________________________ (permit) the students to leave early yesterday.
3. By 4 p.m. tomorrow Dr. Holt ___________________________ (read) all of the reports.
4. Sara ___________________________ (grow) vegetables for three years now.
5. Ana ___________________________ (apply) for this job months before she was actually interviewed.
6. The police arrested the suspect while he ___________________________ (rob) the bank on Foothill Boulevard.
7. Karen _______________________(worry) whenever her daughter is out late.
8. The chef _______________________(fry) the chicken when he burned himself.
9. Samuel _______________________(submit) his application to the college next month.
10. Several students _______________________(misspell) verbs during the quiz last week.
11. Even though he _______________________(admit) his guilt months earlier, the suspect was recently given a trial.
12. While Brenda _______________________(shop) in the mall, a thief stole her purse.

D. Please fill in the correct verb forms. Spelling counts! (1 point each)

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F. These sentences have double negatives. Please revise them. (1 point each)

1. The firefighters couldn’t find no fire hydrants.

_________________________________

2. Trina was upset because she didn’t know nobody at the party.

_________________________________
G. Please make the following nouns plural. (1 point each)

1. belief
2. witch
3. family
4. foot
5. child
6. business
7. hobby
8. holiday
9. brother-in-law
10. crisis

H. Please review the following sentences for correct use of the apostrophe and correct word use. Make corrections above the sentence. (2 points each)

1. Sara Lopez’s house was repaired by Gregory’s company.
2. The Clark’s have taken there three children to the park.
3. The two family’s held a garage sale in the Hamilton’s yard.
4. Karen’s baby often loses it’s shoes.

I. The following sentences contain misused modifiers. Please make corrections above the sentence. (1 point each)

1. Paula had a real terrible headache, so she went home.
2. Lalo hurt his arm bad during the game.
3. When you leave class today, be sure to drive safe.

J. Please write the correct comparative or superlative forms of the words in parentheses.

1. Of the two classes, Tom’s is ______________________ (difficult).
2. Cora has the ______________________ (mean) cat in the neighborhood.
3. Lupe drives ______________________ (cautiously) than the other driver.
4. Of all the players, Ron is the ______________________ (lazy).
5. Of the two mechanics, Miguel was ______________________ (reliable).
6. This child is ______________________ (playful) than his brother.
7. The weather was ______________________ (breezy) today than yesterday.
8. Of the three contestants, Ruth looked ______________________ (thrilled).
9. Martha is the ______________________ (short) of Kara’s two daughters.
10. John is the ______________________ (good) driver of the two.
K. Please identify the following sentences as active or passive.

1. The students wrote several essays last week. _________
2. The buildings were repainted and repaired. _________
3. The National Anthem was sung before the baseball game. _________

L. Please change the following active voice sentences to the passive voice.

1. The road crew replaced the broken pavement on the freeway ramp.

2. The vice president will prepare the annual budget for the college.

M. Please change the following statements into questions. (1 point each)

1. The little boy hid under the bed during the scary movie.

2. The president of the college visits classrooms every semester.

3. Chandra is arguing with her mother about going to a party.

N. Please use the word “not” to change the following positive statements into negative statements.

1. Mr. Booker left his keys in his desk drawer.

2. The witness will speak to reporters after the trial tomorrow.

3. Ms. Aquino watches television every day.
Midterm Exam Sample B

A. Please label the words in the sentences to identify the following patterns. In addition, label each adverb and adjective word or phrase. (Each element is worth one point.)

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1. Yesterday the soccer team traveled to Bakersfield for a game.
2. Professor Jefferson is a famous political journalist.
3. The manager and her assistant will promote several employees next month.
4. The union representative sent a letter to the lawyer.
5. The Calloways went to the Bahamas for their anniversary.
6. Last September Maxine Jimenez became a registered nurse.

B. Choose the proper verb to complete each sentence. Read carefully! (1 point each)

1. The manager of those apartment buildings (was, were) in the office yesterday.
2. A list of the students in the classes (is, are) ready to be posted tomorrow.
3. Sam (works, has worked, was working) on his project for weeks now.
4. Marsha (has lived, lived, had lived) in France for several years before she enrolled at Mission College.
5. Mrs. Jeffrey (broke, was breaking, had broken) her leg last week.
6. Our class (takes, was taking, is taking) the midterm right now.
7. Dr. Jones often says that Sylvia (drinks, had drunk, drank) too much coffee.
8. The class (works, has worked, had worked) on verbs all this month.
9. Mark (shopped, had shopped, was shopping) at the mall when the power went out.
10. Paola (is completing, will complete, will have completed) her degree by June 2009.

C. Please write the correct form of the verb in the blank. Spelling counts! (1 point each)

1. Yesterday Hugo accidentally ______________________ (slam) the door on his finger.
2. The witness ________________________ (testify) at the trial today.
3. By 4 p.m. tomorrow Susan ________________________ (review) all of the midterms.
4. Sara ________________________ (study) the piano for several years now.
5. The upset customer ________________________ (complain) several times about his defective tire before the store finally agreed to replace it.
6. The children ________________________ (spill) juice all over the table last night.
7. Last week the manager ________________ (permit) the employees to leave early.

8. The chef ________________ (chop) the meat when he cut himself.

9. Samuel ________________ (write) a letter to his daughter right now.

10. Several runners ________________ (fall) during the marathon last week.

11. The suspect ________________ (commit) the crime months before he was arrested.

12. The students ________________ (choose) a new representative next week.

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F. These sentences have double negatives. Please revise them. (1 point each)

1. Sandy wasn’t well enough to do nothing while she was sick.
   __________________________

2. Marsha couldn’t seem to remember none of the math rules during the test.
   __________________________
G. Please make the following nouns plural. (1 point each)

1. wife__________________________ 6. community__________________________
2. beach__________________________ 7. trophy__________________________
3. tooth__________________________ 8. monkey__________________________
4. foot__________________________ 9. mother-in-law__________________________
5. cupful__________________________ 10. thesis__________________________

H. Please review the following sentences for correct use of the apostrophe and correct word use. Make corrections above the sentence. (2 points each)

1. Sara Johnsons’ house was painted by Mr. Lopez’s company.
2. The Jordan’s have moved to there new home.
3. Lupe Garcia’s sister works for the Marshalls’.
4. Three company’s complained about they’re incorrect bills.

I. The following sentences contain misused modifiers. Please make corrections above the sentence. (1 point each)

1. Sara has always been a real good friend.
2. Ted hurt his leg bad during the game last week.
3. Jerri talks louder than anyone else in her class.

J. Please write the correct comparative or superlative forms of the words in parentheses.

1. Of the two students, Terry was ______________________ (reliable).
2. Jack has the ______________________ (vicious) dog in the neighborhood.
3. Sara types ______________________ (carefully) than the other manager.
4. Of all the employees, Ron is the ______________________ (busy).
5. Of the two winners, Tom was ______________________ (enthusiastic).
6. This book was ______________________ (useful) than the old one.
7. The weather was ______________________ (warm) this year than last.
8. Of the three contestants, Ruth looked ______________________ (pretty).
9. Martha is the ______________________ (young) of Kara’s two daughters.
10. John is the ______________________ (bad) driver of the two.

K. Please identify the following sentences as active or passive.

1. Theo Norris was given a huge bouquet of roses. ________
2. John’s sister will be elected class president next week. ________
3. The ugly cat chased the mouse across the room. ________
L. Please change the following active voice sentences to the passive voice.

1. A road crew repaired the broken pavement late last night.

2. The team leader presented the report to the company president.

M. Please change the following statements into WH-questions. (1 point each)

1. Jackie Hastings went to Las Vegas for a convention last week.

2. Sara sometimes forgets to clean her room.

3. Billy and his girlfriend went to a theme park last night.

N. Please use the word "not" to change the following positive statements into negative statements.

1. Mr. Chang found the missing documents.

2. Mr. Johnson writes all of the contracts.

3. The students enjoyed taking this midterm.