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Practice with Apostrophes

Please use a COLORED WRITING UTENSIL to do this homework assignment.

Singular Possession

Directions: Use apostrophes in the singular possessive nouns.

1. The **books** cover was colorful.
2. The **trees** leaves fell to the ground.
3. The **cars** engine roared at the stoplights.
4. The **girls** cell phone rang in all her classes.
5. The **teachers** handwriting was all over the chalkboards.

Plural Possession

Directions: Use apostrophes in the plural possessive nouns.

1. The **books** covers were colorful.
2. I piled the board **games** boxes in the closet.
3. The **celebrities** dresses were a rainbow on the red carpet.
4. The **poems** titles were memorable.
5. The **puppies** mother fell asleep.

Plural or Possessive?

Directions: The following sentences contain nouns ending in "s." Some nouns show possession and need an apostrophe, while others are plural nouns. Use apostrophes to show possession on the appropriate nouns. If the noun does not need an apostrophe, just write plural.

1. I tried to shop in all the stores at the mall. *plural*

- The **stores** hours were posted on the door.^s
- All of the kids gathered at the pizzeria. *plural*
- The **kids** clothes were too big on him.
- I ran at each of the high **schools** tracks.
- The **tracks** painted lanes were faded.

Possession with Proper Nouns, Nouns, and Pronouns
Directions: Use apostrophes to show possession.

- My **grandmothers** cookies are amazing.
- Bobbys** blue Bazooka bubblegum popped on his face.
 Extra: What poetic device is used in #2? *Allit.*
- Moms bikes** tires needed air.
- My **neighbors** job is really tough.
- Elias**^s bus arrived late.

Contractions

Directions: Write five sentences using contractions. Note what two words created the contraction.

Example: I haven't eaten ice cream since the summer! (have not)

- haven't
- I'm
- you're
- should've
- _____

verb/not
pronoun/verb

Contraction or Pronoun?

Directions: Determine if the sentence is using a contraction or a pronoun. Add the missing apostrophe where it is appropriate.

1. Its a beautiful day outside.
2. The dog scratched its back.
3. Do you know what its name is?
4. Its temperature is no more than 50 degrees.
5. Its a place of historical importance.
6. Its news to me.
7. Grand Avenue is like a home to its students.

Extra: What poetic device is used in #7?

Simile

8. Whose or Who's

Whose name will be called next?

Who's going to the party?

9. Their, They're, There

There is not enough space in my locker.

They're celebrating Valentine's Day next week.

Their dog is absolutely adorable.

10. Your or You're

You're not nice in the morning.

Your eyes are the color of the Caribbean Sea!