

Correct Apostrophe Usage _____

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What is one important reason NOT to use an apostrophe? _____

In the following sentences, tell if the apostrophes are used correctly or not by writing "correct" or "incorrect" on the line provided.

Mrs. Corbett's best friend baked cupcakes for the party. _____

Josh's pet snake's got loose and slithered about! _____

The football player's helmets were are orange and blue. _____

The girl couldn't believe the kittens were really hers. _____

Noah's mom's hairdresser gave her a shampoo. _____

Shelton got two new footballs' for Christmas. _____

Abbey didn't eat all the peas on her plate. _____

Alana wanted two new ferret's for her birthday. _____

Can you believe she ate four cupcake's? _____

Will's best friend likes to play the drums. _____

I can't believe she won't listen to me! _____

Mrs. Johnsons' class reads and does math each day. _____

The crying baby's mother sang a lullaby. _____

The fire ants' mound was destroyed by the heavy rain. _____

Do you think it's fair to talk when the teacher's giving directions? _____

*** I think I understand apostrophe usage ____all of the time ____most of the time
____sometimes ____I need more help!

Correct Apostrophe Usage Answer Key

What are two reasons writers use apostrophes? contractions to show possession

What is one important reason NOT to use an apostrophe? to create a plural noun

In the following sentences, tell if the apostrophes are used correctly or not by writing "correct" or "incorrect" on the line provided.

Mrs. Corbett's best friend baked cupcakes for the party. **correct**

Josh's pet snake's got loose and slithered about! **incorrect** (Josh's is correct, but an apostrophe should not be used to pluralize "snakes.")

The football player's helmets were orange and blue. **incorrect** (Since there is more than one football player, the apostrophe should go after the "s")

The girl couldn't believe the kittens were really hers. **correct**

Noah's mom's hairdresser gave her a shampoo. **correct**

Shelton got two new footballs' for Christmas. **incorrect** (an apostrophe should not be used in creating a plural noun)

Abbey didn't eat all the peas on her plate. **correct**

Alana wanted two new ferret's for her birthday. **incorrect** (An apostrophe should not be used in creating a plural noun.)

Can you believe she ate four cupcake's? **incorrect** (An apostrophe should not be used in creating a plural noun.)

Will's best friend likes to play the drums. **correct**

I can't believe she won't listen to me! **correct**

Mrs. Johnsons' class reads and does math each day. **incorrect** (Mr. Johnson is just one teacher, so the apostrophe should go before the "s.")

The crying baby's mother sang a lullaby. **correct**

The fire ants' mound was destroyed by the heavy rain. **correct**

Do you think it's fair to talk when the teacher's giving directions? **correct**

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