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Apostrophes Beyond the Basics

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Apostrophe | Noun | Possessive | Pronoun | Punctuation

1. Complete the detective's report about the great cheese heist.

The gang of rodents left a terrible mess. The _____ tiny footprints led straight to the cheddar vault.

Select one.

A) mice's
B) mices'
C) mices
D) mice

2. Help the exhausted roommates sort out their moving boxes by selecting ALL the grammatically correct labels.

Select all that apply.

A) Mark and Sarah's shared apartment is on the third floor.
B) Mark's and Sarah's individual suitcases are by the door.
C) Mark's and Sarah's shared apartment is on the third floor.
D) Mark and Sarah individual suitcases are by the door.

3. Help the self-appointed office detective fill out her official incident report by selecting the correct words.

"I am officially opening an investigation. I need to know _____ half-eaten donut was left on the photocopy machine. The prime suspect is the _____ new intern, who was seen looking remarkably hungry at 9:00 AM. The abandoned pastry is missing _____ pink frosting, which is a crucial clue!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) who's
B) whos
C) whose

Blank 2

A) bosses
B) boss'
C) boss's

Blank 3

A) it's
B) its'
C) its

4. The royal secretary is finalizing the guest list for the grand ball. Select ALL the sentences that correctly show possession for these distinguished (and dramatic) guests.

Select all that apply.

A) The Princess's missing tiara caused quite a scandal.
B) The commander-in-chief's horse refused to move.
C) Her mother's-in-law dress was completely out of fashion.
D) Mr. Joneses invitation was lost in the mail.

5. Complete the quirky cafe manager's daily memo to the staff by choosing the correct possessive forms.

"Good morning, team! First, please clean up _____ shared locker before the health inspector arrives. Second, someone left a suspiciously large collection of rubber ducks in the _____ breakroom. Finally, make absolutely sure the _____ prized vintage espresso machine is turned off before you leave tonight!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Emma's and Noah's
- **B)** Emma and Noahs
- **C)** Emma and Noah's

Blank 2

- **A)** mens'
- **B)** mens
- **C)** men's

Blank 3

- **A)** cafes
- **B)** cafes'
- **C)** cafe's

6. Complete the real estate agent's property descriptions by choosing the correct possessive forms.

I just visited _____ new house, which they bought together last week. Unfortunately, _____ separate cars were blocking the driveway, so I had to park on the street. The previous tenants had to give the landlord _____ notice before moving out.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Lisa and Tom
- **B)** Lisa's and Tom's
- **C)** Lisa and Tom's

Blank 2

- **A)** Mark and Sarah's
- **B)** Mark and Sarah
- **C)** Mark's and Sarah's

Blank 3

- **A)** two week's
- **B)** two weeks
- **C)** two weeks'

7. Help the landlord address the correct tenants in his email by choosing the correct phrase.

The landlord finally agreed to fix the broken radiator in _____ shared apartment.

Select one.

- **A)** Arthur's and Merlin's
- **B)** Arthur and Merlin's
- **C)** Arthur and Merlins'
- **D)** Arthurs and Merlin's

8. You are designing the floor directory for a quirky new department store. Select ALL the signs that use apostrophes correctly!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Women's Winter Coats
- **B)** Mens' Formal Wear
- **C)** Babies' Accessories
- **D)** Childrens' Educational Toys

9. Choose the correct phrase to complete the astronaut's space log.

After _____ delay, we are finally ready to launch this rocket to Mars!

Select one.

- **A)** three month's
- **B)** three months
- **C)** three months'
- **D)** three months's

10. Help the department store manager label the new floor plan correctly by dragging the right words into the blanks.

The new _____ clothing section is located right next to the _____ shoe department, just past the _____ break room.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** womens'
- **B)** women's
- **C)** womens

Blank 2

- **A)** childrens'
- **B)** children's
- **C)** childrens

Blank 3

- **A)** employees
- **B)** employee's
- **C)** employees'