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Contraction or Possessive Pronoun?

Contraction	Possessive Pronoun	Adverb
it + is = it's	its	
you + are = you're	your	
he = is = he's	his	
they + are = they're	their	there
who + is = who's	whose	

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.

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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.

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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. _____

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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 Ramirezes 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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Degrees of Comparison 1

<i>Positive</i>	<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
fast		
thin		
expensive		
pretty		
loud		
loudly		

Please write the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

- Timmy is _____ (young) than his brother.
- Sheila ran _____ (fast) than I did.
- Tom is _____ (angry) than his boss about the situation.
- The book is _____ (slow) than the movie.
- The weather is _____ (hot) today than yesterday.
- Jeff is the _____ (big) football player on the team.
- Tom is the _____ (happy) of all the students.
- The puppy was the _____ (fat) one in the litter.
- Bess lost weight and is the _____ (thin) woman in the room.
- Tom has the _____ (red) hair I have ever seen.
- Ted is _____ (handsome) than his father.
- The book is _____ (exciting) than the movie.
- She seems _____ (sympathetic) than her friend.
- Brent wrote the _____ (interesting) essay of the two.
- Of the two assistants, Roxanne seems _____ (competent).
- This is the _____ (accurate) story I have ever read.
- Of all the chefs, Todd made the _____ (delicious) cake.
- He has the _____ (vicious) dog in the neighborhood.

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Degrees of Comparison 2

<i>Positive</i>	<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
tall		
close		
far		
big		
happy		
bad		
good		
pretty		
angry		
angrily		
short		
fast		
intelligent		
curious		
boring		
terrible		
curly		
beautiful		
ugly		
tiny		
slow		
slowly		
clean		
dirty		
thin		
slender		

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).

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Unit 4 Sample Quiz

Please make the following nouns plural.

1.	Jones	
2.	dish	
3.	datum	
4.	knife	
5.	tooth	
6.	thief	
7.	city	
8.	holiday	
9.	belief	
10.	cupful	

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

1. Jims 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.

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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.)*

NS Vi NS Vt NDO NS LV NSC

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 Chavezes 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)

Base	Base+s	Simple Past	Past Participle	V-ing
eat	<i>eats</i>	<i>ate</i>	<i>eaten</i>	<i>eating</i>
forget				
survey				
notify				
survive				
hurry				
swim				
commit				

E. Please write the correct contraction of the following two words. (1 point each)

1. does + not = _____
2. were + not = _____
3. they + are = _____
4. have + not = _____
5. will + not = _____
6. you + are = _____

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)

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. belief _____ | 6. business _____ |
| 2. witch _____ | 7. hobby _____ |
| 3. family _____ | 8. holiday _____ |
| 4. foot _____ | 9. brother-in-law _____ |
| 5. child _____ | 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 Gregorys 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. Karens' 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.

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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.)*

NS Vi NS Vt NDO NS LV NSC

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.

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

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eat	<i>eats</i>	<i>ate</i>	<i>eaten</i>	<i>eating</i>
feel				
destroy				
shake				
hide				
carry				
steal				
begin				

E. Please write the correct contraction of the following two words. (1 point each)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. does + not = _____ | 4. have + not = _____ |
| 2. were + not = _____ | 5. will + not = _____ |
| 3. they + are = _____ | 6. you + are = _____ |

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)

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 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)

- Sara Johnsons' house was painted by Mr. Lopezs company.
- The Jordan's have moved to there new home.
- Lupe Garcia's sister work's for the Marshalls'.
- 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)

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

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

- Of the two students, Terry was _____ (reliable).
- Jack has the _____ (vicious) dog in the neighborhood .
- Sara types _____ (carefully) than the other manager.
- Of all the employees, Ron is the _____ (busy).
- Of the two winners, Tom was _____ (enthusiastic).
- This book was _____ (useful) than the old one.
- The weather was _____ (warm) this year than last.
- Of the three contestants, Ruth looked _____ (pretty).
- Martha is the _____ (young) of Kara's two daughters.
- John is the _____ (bad) driver of the two.

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

- Theo Norris was given a huge bouquet of roses. _____
- John's sister will be elected class president next week. _____
- 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.
