

Punctuation Exercises

Exercise 2.10 A

Practice based on Question 41 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – Levels 3-5)

Purpose of exercise: Apostrophes

Put a tick to show whether the apostrophe in each sentence is used for **omission** or **possession**.

1.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
This is our island's best music.		
You wouldn't hear it anywhere else.		
I don't want it to ever stop.		

2.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
What is that singer's name?		
She's got such a beautiful voice.		
I'm going to cry.		

3.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
Watch the dancer's feet carefully.		
They'll spell out a word in the dust.		
Can't you read what it says?		

4.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
Who'd like some juice?		
It's our favourite drink.		
Not that one. That is Amir's.		

5.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
You've drunk my juice!		
Magda has drunk a week's supply of juice.		
She'll be needing a wee soon.		

6.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
Be careful of old Toby's dog, Magda.		
He is the island's fiercest dog.		
Luckily, that dog's weakness is music.		

7.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
If you sing he'll just lie down.		
It's actually quite fun this kind of singing.		
We're having such a nice day!		

8.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
I wish we'd stay forever.		
Isn't this the best place ever?		
And aren't these people the nicest ever?		

9.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
Why is it called snake's jungle?		
Because there're lots of snakes in there.		
Is there a people's jungle we could go to?		

10.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
I'm not sure about this jungle walk.		
Darryl's eyes are wide with terror.		
Calm down mate, that's only a vine.		