

## Punctuation Exercises

### Exercise 2.10 B

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

*Purpose of exercise: Use of apostrophes*

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

1.

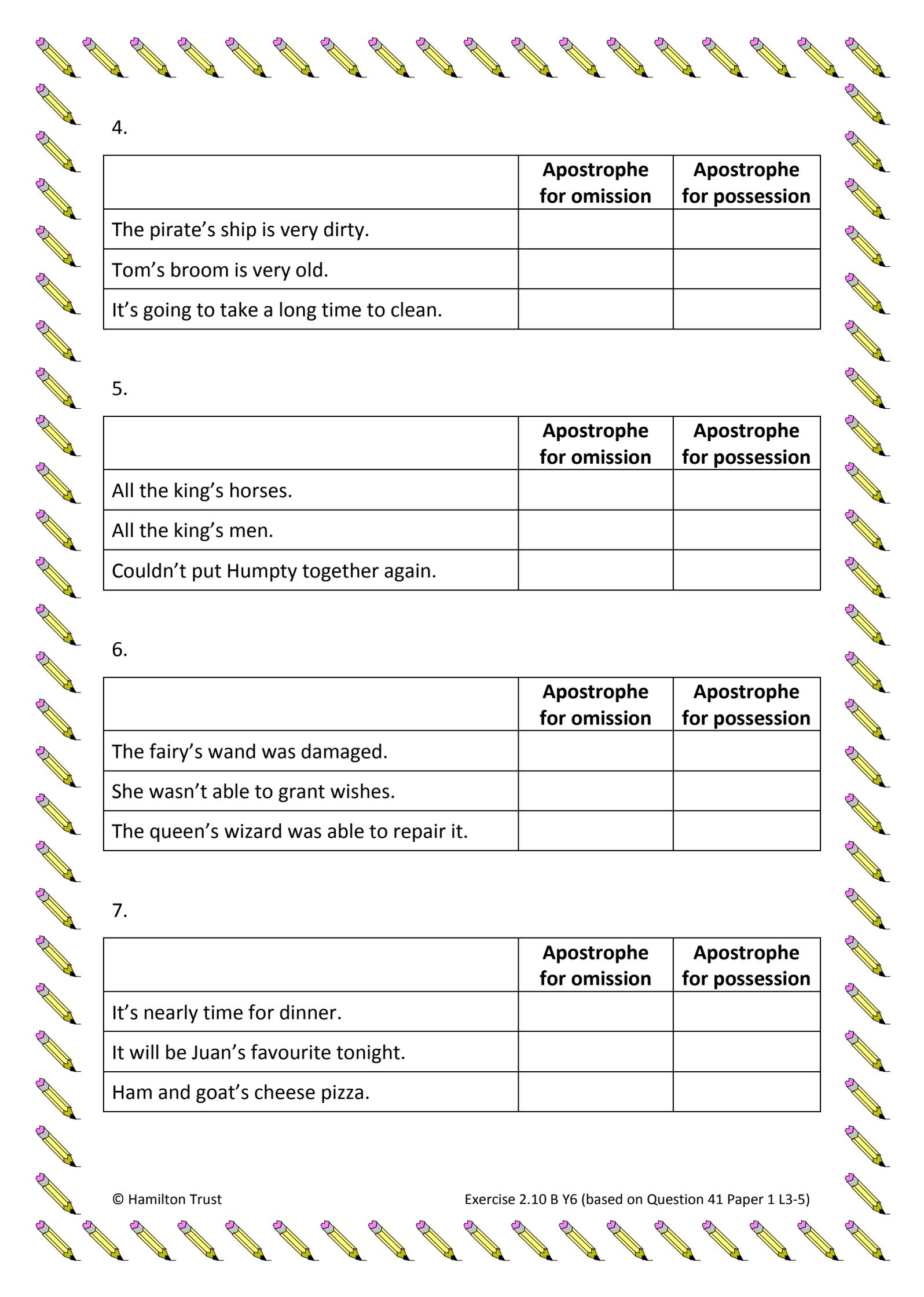
|                                     | Apostrophe for omission | Apostrophe for possession |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| We've ridden our first broomsticks. |                         |                           |
| Harry's the best at flying.         |                         |                           |
| Becky's broom is fastest.           |                         |                           |

2.

|                                 | Apostrophe for omission | Apostrophe for possession |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| The witch's cat turned green.   |                         |                           |
| She's allergic to seafood.      |                         |                           |
| She ate the warlock's goldfish. |                         |                           |

3.

|  | Apostrophe for omission | Apostrophe for possession |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| The giant's cloak is invisible.                |                         |                           |
| That's why we cannot see him.                  |                         |                           |
| Children's eyes are better at spotting giants. |                         |                           |



4.

|  | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The pirate's ship is very dirty.         |                                    |                                      |
| Tom's broom is very old.                 |                                    |                                      |
| It's going to take a long time to clean. |                                    |                                      |

5.

|                                     | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| All the king's horses.              |                                    |                                      |
| All the king's men.                 |                                    |                                      |
| Couldn't put Humpty together again. |                                    |                                      |

6.

|   | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The fairy's wand was damaged.             |                                    |                                      |
| She wasn't able to grant wishes.          |                                    |                                      |
| The queen's wizard was able to repair it. |                                    |                                      |

7.

|                                      | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| It's nearly time for dinner.         |                                    |                                      |
| It will be Juan's favourite tonight. |                                    |                                      |
| Ham and goat's cheese pizza.         |                                    |                                      |

8.

|                                     | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| When's the ogre coming?             |                                    |                                      |
| When he's hungry enough!            |                                    |                                      |
| Will he like Mum's vegetable curry? |                                    |                                      |

9.

|                                       | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| You mustn't try to cross that bridge. |                                    |                                      |
| It is the scary troll's bridge.       |                                    |                                      |
| You don't want to upset a troll.      |                                    |                                      |

10.

|   | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for omission</b> | <b>Apostrophe<br/>for possession</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Michael's shoes are filthy!             |                                    |                                      |
| He trod in the dragon's dung.           |                                    |                                      |
| He should've looked where he was going. |                                    |                                      |