

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.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
The pirate's ship is very dirty.		
Tom's broom is very old.		
It's going to take a long time to clean.		

5.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
All the king's horses.		
All the king's men.		
Couldn't put Humpty together again.		

6.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
The fairy's wand was damaged.		
She wasn't able to grant wishes.		
The queen's wizard was able to repair it.		

7.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
It's nearly time for dinner.		
It will be Juan's favourite tonight.		
Ham and goat's cheese pizza.		

8.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
When's the ogre coming?		
When he's hungry enough!		
Will he like Mum's vegetable curry?		

9.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
You mustn't try to cross that bridge.		
It is the scary troll's bridge.		
You don't want to upset a troll.		

10.

	Apostrophe for omission	Apostrophe for possession
Michael's shoes are filthy!		
He trod in the dragon's dung.		
He should've looked where he was going.		