

Contractions

Read the sentences and replace the words with contractions where appropriate.

Example:

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1. I am going to the store.
2. She is not ready for the test.
3. They have not finished their homework yet.
4. He will not be able to come to the party.
5. You are going to love this movie.
6. I cannot believe you said that!
7. We are not going to the concert tonight.
8. He would have helped you if he could.

9. She is going to bring dessert.

10. We are planning to visit the museum tomorrow.

11. They will not attend the meeting.

12. They could not find the keys.

13. It is raining outside.

14. We should have left earlier.

15. I do not like spicy food.

Answer Key

1. **I'm** going to the store.
2. She **isn't** ready for the test.
3. They **haven't** finished their homework yet.
4. He **won't** be able to come to the party.
5. **You're** going to love this movie.
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Commas

Place commas in the correct places in each sentence.

Example:

Since you're going out could you pick up some eggs bread and milk?

Since you're going out, could you pick up some eggs, bread, and milk?

1. My favorite colors are blue green and red.
2. After the rain stopped we went for a walk.
3. She bought apples oranges and bananas.
4. I wanted to go to the park but it started raining.
5. Although he was tired he finished his homework.
6. If you don't study you might fail the test.
7. We saw lions tigers and elephants at the zoo.
8. The movie which was really boring ended after two hours.
9. Yes I would love to come to the party.
10. No I don't want to go there.
11. She lives in New York City New York.
12. I need to buy bread milk and eggs.
13. Because I was late I missed the bus.
14. My brother who is very tall plays basketball.
15. The dog ran across the yard barked at a squirrel and then sat down.

Answer Key

1. My favorite colors are blue, green, and red.
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Apostrophes

Place the apostrophes in the correct places in each sentence.

Example:

The chefs recipes are the best in the city!

The **chef's** recipes are the best in the city!

1. The cats toy is under the couch.
2. Johns car is parked outside.
3. I cant find my keys anywhere.
4. The teachers lounge is on the second floor.
5. Its raining outside.
6. Shes going to the movies later.
7. Thats my friends book.
8. Whos coming to the party?
9. We went to my cousins house for dinner.
10. The dogs bowl is empty.
11. Dont forget your umbrella!
12. The girls uniforms are blue and white.
13. The books pages are torn.
14. Hes been working all day.
15. Theyre going on vacation next week.

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Possessive Plurals

Correct the possessive plurals in the sentences.

Example:

The mens' hockey team lost in the finals.

The **men's** hockey team lost in the finals.

1. The two cat's food was all over the floor.
2. The childrens' playground was newly renovated.
3. My grandparent's house is near the beach.
4. The three dog's collars were all the same color.
5. The car's tires' were worn out after the long trip.
6. The teacher's meetings are scheduled for next week.
7. The employees's lounge was recently repainted.
8. The womens' basketball team won the championship.
9. The two chef's recipes are famous in the region.

10. The doctors's schedules were completely booked.

11. The parents's concerns were discussed during the meeting.

12. The students's work was displayed on the walls.

13. The police officer's arrested the protestors.

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Semicolons and Colons

Fill in the blanks with either a semicolon (;) or a colon (:).

Example:

He didn't pass the exam ___ nevertheless, he learned a lot from studying.

He didn't pass the exam; nevertheless, he learned a lot from studying.

1. I have three favorite hobbies ___ reading, swimming, and cooking.
2. The weather was terrible ___ however, we still went to the beach.
3. She has traveled to many countries ___ France, Italy, and Japan are her favorites.
4. We can't start the meeting yet ___ John hasn't arrived.
5. The grocery list includes ___ apples, bananas, and oranges.
6. I enjoy outdoor activities ___ hiking, biking, and kayaking.
7. He was running late ___ nonetheless, he managed to make it on time.
8. Please bring the following items ___ pencils, paper, and markers.
9. The room was silent ___ no one wanted to speak.
10. She enjoys two things ___ painting and drawing.
11. It's raining outside ___ I'm staying in today.
12. He studied all night ___ consequently, he passed the test.
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Quotation Marks

Correct the usage of quotation marks and punctuation in the following sentences.

Example:

The student said “these questions are difficult, but I’m learning a lot”!

The student said, “These questions are difficult, but I’m learning a lot!”

1. She said, I will be late to the meeting.
2. Did you hear him shout, Watch out?
3. The teacher said, “Please hand in your assignments tomorrow.
4. My favorite short story is Franz Kafka’s The Metamorphosis.
5. I can’t believe she said, I’m not going!
6. He asked, “Are you coming to the party tonight?
7. “It’s raining,” she said, “so take an umbrella”.
8. The sign read: “No parking anytime”.

9. "I love this song", she exclaimed.
10. He replied, I will think about it.
11. "I'm so tired," he said, I need a break.
12. She wondered, "If it rains," will we still go hiking?
13. "Can you believe it"? he exclaimed.
14. I told him, "You should really try this dessert".
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