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1a. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

Dad asked the children to tidy their toy's up quickly.



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1b. True or false? The apostrophe has been used correctly in the sentence below.

The coach wanted his team to win all of their game's this season.



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2a. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.

banana's

their's

drink's

Lucys'



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2b. The apostrophes in the words below have been used incorrectly. Rewrite the words correctly.

her's

Zains'

did'nt

meal's



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3a. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

The dog's treat's were well hidden.

My mums' friend's are kind to me so I'm happy when they come round.



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3b. Circle the apostrophes that have been used correctly in the sentences below.

Our cars' engine doesn't work because it's worn out.

The cat's kitten's are really cute.



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4a. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

I think it's claws are too long and might need to be trimmed.

The children's bag's are lying all over the floor.

Aren't we using our armband's in the pool today?



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4b. Underline the words where an apostrophe is used incorrectly in the sentences below.

Education's the way to a better future, so wer'e going to work very hard.

The kitten cry's when he want's to be fed by his mum.

The bird fly's south in the winter where the weather's warmer.



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- 1a. False, it should be 'toys'.
- 2a. bananas, theirs, drinks, Lucy's
- 3a. dog's, I'm
- 4a. It's, bag's, armband's

Expected

- 5a. False, it should be 'pencils'.
- 6a. apples, should've, theirs, Chris's
- 7a. cow's, it'd
- 8a. Bike's, fly's, childrens'

Greater Depth

- 9a. False, it should be 'she'd', 'won't' and 'cakes'.
- 10a. Cerys's, I'd, Jo and Bob's, yours
- 11a. shoemaker's, you're, you've
- 12a. your's, ask'd, fly's (second use), Ruby's, Adils', flower's

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- 1b. False, it should be 'games'.
- 2b. hers, Zain's, didn't, meals
- 3b. doesn't, it's, cat's
- 4a. wer'e, cry's, want's, fly's

Expected

- 5b. False, it should be 'grapes'.
- 6b. ours, his, shan't, desks
- 7b. sister's, doesn't
- 8b. his's, cry's, ca'nt, thing's

Greater Depth

- 9b. False, it should be 'You'd', 'you'll' and 'sessions'.
- 10b. yours, James's, Tom and Su's, tomatoes
- 11b. They're, that's, You've, Thomas's
- 12b. yours', cry's, it's, Annas', schools'