Quiz – Using Apostrophes Correctly Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Plurals, Possessives, & Contractions

1. The alarm **clocks** buzz startled Shane awake.

A. ***Clocks*** does ***not*** need an apostrophe.

B. ***Clocks*** should have an apostrophe between the ***k*** and ***s***: ***clock’s***.

2. The **Larsen’s** decided not to shutter their windows even though they were taking vacation at the height of hurricane season.

A. ***Larsen’s*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. The apostrophe should come after the ***s***: ***Larsens’***.

C. ***Larsens*** should ***not*** have an apostrophe.

3. Betty Ann could not resist petting the adorable poodle **puppie’s**.

A. ***Puppie’s*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. No apostrophe is needed.

C. ***Puppies*** should have the apostrophe after the ***s***: ***puppies’***.

4. Phillip banged his **knees’** on the metal bar beneath the desk.

A. ***Knees’*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. ***Knees*** should have the apostrophe before the ***s***: ***knee’s***.

C. There’s no apostrophe in ***knees***.

5. **Kimberly’s** agile fingers typed the password too quickly for Pedro to catch.

A. ***Kimberly’s*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. The apostrophe should come after the ***s***: ***Kimberlys’***.

6. Our mouths were so full of delicious **brownie’s** that we could not speak.

A. ***Brownie’s*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. ***Brownies*** should have the apostrophe after the ***s***: ***brownies’***.

C. ***Brownies*** should ***not*** have an apostrophe.

7. Anthony **try’s** to enjoy his tropical fish, but the aquarium glass is filthy with algae.

A. ***Try’s*** contains a correct apostrophe.

B. You must spell the word like this: ***trie’s***.

C. You must spell the word without an apostrophe: ***tries***.

8. **Antoine’s** fingers are never still; if this young man **isn’t** drumming out a song on the desk,

then **he’s** snapping a rubber band or twirling pens.

A. Antoines B. is’nt

C. his D. No change is necessary.

9. **Line’s** of worry creased **Samuel’s** forehead as he scanned the quiz **items**.

A. Lines B. Samuels

C. item’s D. No change is necessary.

10. The contents of **Christina’s** purse include tangled **necklaces**, an uncapped lip balm, and her

**roommates** missing watch.

A. Christinas B. necklaces’

C. roommate’s D. No change is necessary.

11. **Nicks** collection of **hats** includes a ball cap shaped like a plate of **tacos**.

A. Nick’s B. hats’

C. taco’s D. No change is necessary.

12. We **could’nt** see well from our seats, so when Byron and his **friends** left to buy popcorn, we

stole **theirs**.

A. couldn’t B. friend’s

C. their’s D. No change is necessary.

13. **Ben’s** bad attitude **gets** him in trouble in class. We need to convince Ben to uncross his

**arm’s** and smile on occasion.

A. Bens’s B. get’s

C. arms D. No change is necessary.

14. As **James** was writing his concluding paragraph, his **pencil** point broke. Rummaging in his

book bag for another writing instrument, he hoped that his great last **line’s** wouldn’t escape.

A. Jame’s B. pencil’s

C. lines D. No change is necessary.

15. Gloria covered her **ears** with her hands and focused on the quiz **questions**; she tried to

ignore the techno music escaping from **Chandler’s** ear buds.

A. ear’s B. question’s

C. Chandlers D. No change is necessary.

16. Nick slammed the **oven** door shut when he discovered **Mom’s** burning **pie’s** inside.

A. oven’s B. Moms

C. pies D. No change is necessary.

17. Sam and Sara **always** have extra **supplies**, so if you forgot to bring a pencil, ask to borrow

one of **theirs**.

A. alway’s B. supply’s

C. theirs’ D. No change is necessary.

18. **Waves** crashed on the beach, and **clouds** darkened the sky. The **days** rough conditions

convinced us to stay out of the water.

A. Wave’s B. cloud’s

C. day’s D. No change is necessary.

19. In the hot classroom, **Warren’s glass’s** kept slipping down **his** sweaty nose.

A. Warrens B. glasses

C. he’s D. No change is necessary.

20. We will try the cupcakes because they are **Tara’s**, not **yours**. Unlike you, Tara **doesn’t**

sneeze into the mixing bowl!

A. Taras B. your’s

C. does’nt D. No change is necessary.