Year 6 English: Apostrophes, speech and capitals (Easy)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Which sentence has its apostrophe in the right place?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** They're waiting at the ferry wharf.

○ **B** Theyr'e waiting at the ferry wharf.

○ **C** Theyre waiting at the ferry wharf.

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2. Which word fits the gap? The ___ burrow is under the tank. (one wombat)

Circle one answer.

○ **A** wombat's ○ **B** wombats ○ **C** wombats'

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3. Which one has the speech marks and commas in the right places?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** “The creek is rising, warned Mr Walsh.”

○ **B** The creek is rising, warned Mr Walsh.

○ **C** “The creek is rising,” warned Mr Walsh.

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4. Find the correct way to write what was said.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** “Hold the rope tight”! shouted Leila.

○ **B** “Hold the rope tight! shouted Leila.”

○ **C** “Hold the rope tight!” shouted Leila.

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5. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** “We reached the summit,” panted Ravi.

○ **B** “We reached the summit” panted Ravi.

○ **C** “we reached the summit,” panted Ravi.

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6. Find the sentence with no capital-letter mistakes.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Turn north at the bakery.

○ **B** Turn North at the bakery.

○ **C** Turn north at the Bakery.

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7. Fix the capital letters: 'the ses crew cleared the fallen tree near goulburn.'

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8. Two twins share one bedroom. Which sentence shows that?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The twins' bedroom overlooks the harbour.

○ **B** The twin's bedroom overlooks the harbour.

○ **C** The twins bedroom overlooks the harbour.

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9. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The children's playground was repainted.

○ **B** The childrens' playground was repainted.

○ **C** The childrens playground was repainted.

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10. Fix every capital letter mistake in this sentence: 'On friday, sione and i visited brisbane.'

Answer key

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1. A — They're waiting at the ferry wharf.
   They're waiting at the ferry wharf. The apostrophe goes where the letters were left out, and every contraction needs one.
2. A — wombat's
   The wombat's burrow is under the tank. One owner: add apostrophe s.
3. C — “The creek is rising,” warned Mr Walsh.
   “The creek is rising,” warned Mr Walsh. Only the spoken words go inside the marks, and the tag starts with a small letter.
4. C — “Hold the rope tight!” shouted Leila.
   “Hold the rope tight!” shouted Leila. Only the spoken words go inside the marks, and the tag starts with a small letter.
5. A — “We reached the summit,” panted Ravi.
   “We reached the summit,” panted Ravi. Only the spoken words go inside the marks, and the tag starts with a small letter.
6. A — Turn north at the bakery.
   Turn north at the bakery. Capitals go on names, titles, initials (with full stops), acronyms, languages and religions, not on common words.
7. The SES crew cleared the fallen tree near Goulburn.
   The SES crew cleared the fallen tree near Goulburn. Names, titles, initials, acronyms, languages and religions need capitals. Initials have full stops.
8. A — The twins' bedroom overlooks the harbour.
   The twins' bedroom overlooks the harbour. Two owners means the apostrophe goes after the s.
9. A — The children's playground was repainted.
   The children's playground was repainted. 'Children' is already plural, so the apostrophe goes before the s.
10. On Friday, Sione and I visited Brisbane.
    On Friday, Sione and I visited Brisbane. Days, names, 'I' and the names of places start with capitals.