

THE FLATMATES

Quiz:

Apostrophes



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For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. ... is black
 - a. Mollys dog
 - b. Molly's dog
 - c. Molly dog
 - d. The dog of Molly

2. I've got five sisters and all of them have got cars the same colour. The ... are green.
 - a. womens cars
 - b. woman's cars
 - c. women's cars
 - d. womens' cars

3. That book is
 - a. my teachers
 - b. mine teacher's
 - c. my teacher's
 - d. mine's teacher

4. They bought their tickets online. Where did you buy ...?
 - a. yours
 - b. yours ticket
 - c. your's
 - d. your's ticket

5. She ... any brothers or sisters.
 - a. doesnt've
 - b. doesn'tve
 - c. doesn't have
 - d. doesn't have

6. They ... helped you if ... asked them.
 - a. would've/you'd
 - b. would of/you'd
 - c. would've/you've
 - d. would'ave/you'd of

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Answers

1. ... is black
 - a. Mollys dog - Wrong – you need an apostrophe here.
 - b. Molly's dog - Correct – **this means that the dog belongs to Molly.**
 - c. Molly dog - Wrong – you need an apostrophe and an 's' here.
 - d. The dog of Molly - Wrong – this is not the correct form to explain possession.

2. I've got five sisters and all of them have got cars the same colour. The ... are green.
 - a. womens cars - Wrong – you need an apostrophe here.
 - b. woman's cars - Wrong – you need a plural form of the noun here.
 - c. women's cars - Correct – **that means that all five women own a car each.**
 - d. womens' cars - Wrong – the apostrophe is in the wrong place.

3. That book is
 - a. my teachers - Wrong – you need an apostrophe here.
 - b. mine teacher's - Wrong – the first word is wrong here.
 - c. my teacher's - Correct – **this means the book belongs to the teacher.**
 - d. mine's teacher - Wrong – the first word is wrong. The second word is also wrong because it needs an apostrophe as well as an 's'.

4. They bought their tickets online. Where did you buy ...?
 - a. yours - Correct – **with the determiner 'yours' you don't need an apostrophe.**
 - b. yours ticket - Wrong – you have an extra word here.
 - c. your's - Wrong – you don't need an apostrophe here.
 - d. your's ticket - Wrong – you don't need an apostrophe and you have an extra word here.

5. She ... any brothers or sisters.
 - a. doesnt've - Wrong – this is not how you contract this sentence.
 - b. doesn'tve - Wrong – this is not how you contract this sentence.
 - c. doesn't have - Wrong – the apostrophe is in the wrong place here.
 - d. doesn't have - Correct – **this is the correct way to contract this sentence.**

6. They ... helped you if ... asked them.
 - a. would've/you'd - Correct – **this is the correct way to contract this sentence.**
 - b. would of/you'd - Wrong – this is how you pronounce this part of the answer but it's not how you write it/ this part of your answer is right.
 - c. would've/you've - Wrong – this part of your answer is right/you need another form of 'have' here.
 - d. would'ave/you'd of - Wrong – this is not contracted correctly/you have too many words in this part of the answer.

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