

CONTRACTIONS, PLURAL NAMES, AND POSSESSIVES

An Editing Exercise

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEACHER

The following worksheet will give your students practice in recognizing when contractions, plurals, and possessives are used incorrectly.

You may want to review the differences in form between contractions, plural names, and possessives before handing out the worksheet.

EXAMPLES:

Contraction: He is = He's

Plural name: the Smiths

Possessive: Arnold's pen

If you like, after students have completed the exercise, have them divide the corrected sentences into three groups: those which use contractions, those which use plural names, and those which use possessives.

An answer key is provided.

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Student Worksheet

NAME: _____

Correct the following sentences.

EXAMPLE:

Hes from Canada.

He's from Canada.

1. What is Jims address?

2. The Tanaka's are here.

3. Wheres Nestor?

4. I am at a friends house.

5. The Lopezes' are from Mexico.

6. Its 60 Bank Street.

7. This is Anns sister.

8. The Brown's want some coffee.

9. Shes fine.

10. Leos friend is in New York.

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Answer Key

1. What is Jim's address? *(contraction)*
2. The Tanakas are here. *(plural name)*
3. Where's Nestor? *(contraction)*
4. I am at a friend's house. *(possessive)*
5. The Lopezes are from Mexico. *(plural name)*
6. It's 60 Bank Street. *(contraction)*
7. This is Ann's sister. *(possessive)*
8. The Browns want some coffee. *(plural name)*
9. She's fine. *(contraction)*
10. Leo's friend is in New York. *(possessive)*