15.5 Apostrophes for Contractions: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The Class Vegetable Patch

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This term, Class 2 are growing their own vegetables in the school garden.

'We'll need to dig the soil first,' said Miss Okafor. Leo can't wait to plant the carrot seeds. Tara isn't sure if the tomatoes will ripen in time.

'It's important to water the plants every day,' said Miss Okafor. Zara doesn't forget to check the plants at lunchtime.

The class hamster, Pip, wasn't allowed near the vegetable bed. By the summer, the children hadn't expected such a big harvest, but the garden was full of ripe tomatoes and carrots. Everyone felt very proud of their hard work.

1 Tick the correct short form (contraction) of 'did not'.

- ☐ A) didn't
- ☐ B) did'nt
- ☐ C) didnt'
- ☐ D) did'not

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2 Tick the correct short form of 'cannot'.

- ☐ A) ca'nt
- ☐ B) can't
- ☐ C) cann't
- ☐ D) cant'

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3 Write the short form (contraction) of each pair of words.

(a) is not = _____ **(1)**

(b) are not = _____ **(1)**

(c) will not = _____ **(1)**

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4 Circle the contraction in each sentence from the story.

(a) Leo can't wait to plant the carrot seeds. **(1)**

(b) Tara isn't sure if the tomatoes will ripen in time. **(1)**

(c) The children hadn't expected such a big harvest. **(1)**

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5 Practice question (not marked). An apostrophe in a contraction (short form) takes the place of missing letters. Tick the sentence that uses an apostrophe correctly to show a contraction.

- ☐ A) The seeds have'nt grown yet.
- ☐ B) The seeds havent grown yet.
- ☐ C) The seeds haven't grown yet.

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6 Write the correct contraction for each pair of words.

(a) I am = _____ **(1)**

(b) you are = _____ **(1)**

(c) let us = _____ **(1)**

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7 Write a sentence of your own about the class garden using the contraction 'we'll'. Remember to put the apostrophe in the correct place.

(2)

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Question 1

A ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **A**

Question 2

B ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 3

(a) isn't with apostrophe in the correct place (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: **isn't**

(b) aren't with apostrophe in the correct place (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: **aren't**

(c) won't with apostrophe in the correct place (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: **won't**

Question 4

(a) circles 'can't' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: **can't**

(b) circles 'isn't' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: **isn't**

(c) circles 'hadn't' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: **hadn't**

Question 5

Practice question - not marked. Teacher may explain that the apostrophe in a contraction shows where letters have been left out. **-**

Answer: **C**

Question 6

(a) I'm with apostrophe correctly placed (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: **I'm**

(b) you're with apostrophe correctly placed (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: **you're**

(c) let's with apostrophe correctly placed (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: **let's**

Question 7

sentence makes sense and uses 'we'll' appropriately about the garden (oe) **B1**

apostrophe placed correctly between the e and the first l (cao) **B1**

Answer: **e.g. We'll pick the tomatoes on Friday.**

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