INDICATING POSSESSION

Purpose: Upon completion of this activity, students will understand the six general categories for indicating possession. This DLA should take approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

1. Go to: http://english.acadiau.ca/grammar-quizzes.html

2. Carefully read the page entitled “Possessive Fault.” There is a good deal of information here; read for a clear understanding and take notes as needed.

3. Provide the following information:

   A. List the six general categories for indicating possession:
      1) ______________________
      2) ______________________
      3) ______________________
      4) ______________________
      5) ______________________
      6) ______________________

   B. Which is correct when discussing a single dog? (Circle correct answer)
      The dogs  dogs’  dog’s  toys were buried under the house.

   C. When two people have joint ownership of something, how do we correctly indicate possession?
      ________________________________

   D. When do we add possessive apostrophes to possessive pronouns?

   E. Indefinite pronouns never take possessive apostrophes.  TRUE   FALSE

4. Now complete the attached quiz on possession.

5. On the back of this sheet, compose six (6) original sentences—one from each of the categories listed in “A” above. Then, take this sheet plus the attached quiz to a WRC tutor or instructor on duty for a review of your sentences. When you are finished with your consultation, ask this person to sign below.

_________________________________________  __________________
Signature                                      Date
QUIZ INDICATING POSSESSION

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Choose the correct possessive form to complete the sentence given!

1. This bike belongs to me. It is *
   - my
   - mys
   - mine
   - mines

2. This bike belongs to the boy. It is *
   - him
   - him's
   - his
   - his's

3. You two did the project alone. You did it by *
   - yourself
   - yourselves
   - your
   - ourselves

4. Whose candies are these? They are * candies.
   - our
   - ours
   - us'
   - we's
5. The girls in our class played the boys. The girls won. It was the * second win.
   ○ girl
   ○ girls
   ○ girls'
   ○ girl's

6. Who owns those cars? Those cars are *.
   ○ their
   ○ theirs
   ○ them
   ○ them's

7. The gray horse won the race. The win was * fifth of the year.
   ○ it
   ○ its
   ○ it's
   ○ it's'

8. Whose sweater is this? It is * sweater.
   ○ she
   ○ she'
   ○ her
   ○ hers

9. Whose horses are these? The horses belong to them. They are * horses.
   ○ them's
   ○ they's
   ○ theirs
   ○ their
10. Whose shoes are these? They belong to us. They are *.

- our
- ours
- us's
- we's

11. Jerry had a large dump truck. The truck was * favorite toy.

- Jerry
- Jerry's
- Jerrys
- he's

12. The dog found the ball in the bushes without any help from anyone. It did it by *!

- itself
- it's self
- itsself
- themselves

13. "Whose coat is this?", the teacher asked. I said, "It is * coat."

- my
- mys
- mine
- mines

14. Whose hat is this? It belongs to you. It is *.

- you
- you's
- your
- yours

15. Whose socks are these? They are * socks.
16. Allen and his friend, Anita, ran a lemonade stand. They named it * Best Lemonade.

- A and A’s
- A and As
- A’s and A’s
- A’s and A

17. Mrs. Nelson’s class had done a bulletin board full of green frogs. It was the * favorite one.

- kid
- kids
- kids’
- their

18. Tim looked for his library book. All he could remember was that the * cover was red.

- book
- book’s
- books
- books’

19. Jackie and I finished the job without any help. We did it by *!
20. This bike belongs to the girl. It is *

- she
- she's
- her
- hers

21. Two boys in our class won the science fair. The * project had to do with insects.

- boy
- boys'
- boys
- boy's

22. Mary had a beautiful doll. The doll was * favorite.

- Mary
- Marys
- Mary's
- Mary's'

23. Whose ball is this? The ball belongs to *.

- him
- hims
- his
- he

24. The three sisters finished their chores without any help. They did it all by *!
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○ themself
○ themselves
○ themselve
○ themselves

25. This present has your name on it. It is * present.

○ you
○ your
○ yours
○ yourn