

Apostrophes – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Use an *apostrophe* or *apostrophe + s* to simplify the long phrase in bold. Write your new version in the box above the phrase.

Montgomery's hot pink high tops

1. **The hot pink high tops that Montgomery wore** drew everyone's attention.

Phyllis's cookies

2. Try **the cookies that Phyllis baked**. They are the best ones!

Mr. Dickson's yard tools

3. You need to clean **the yard tools that you borrowed from Mr. Dickson**. He's very picky about his possessions.

Marc's messy notebook

4. **The messy notebook that Marc brings to class** contains detailed notes from Dr. Grayson's tedious lectures.

Kevin's satisfaction

5. **The satisfaction that Kevin gets** with a C means a GPA without scholarship potential.

Annistacia's big powerful pit bull

6. **Annistacia owns a big, powerful pit bull that** intimidates everyone who meets him.

Gladys's vegetable garden

7. **The vegetable garden that Gladys is always fertilizing** has tomatoes the size of softballs!

Curtis's essay

8. Read **the essay that Curtis wrote**. It's so funny that you'll snort your coffee!

That class's teacher

9. **The teacher for that class** assigns twice as many essays as our teacher does.

Francis's homework

10. Look at the grease stains! This paper must be **homework from Francis**. That boy is always eating cafeteria French fries!

the birds' nests

11. We didn't want to destroy **the nests the birds had built**, so we waited until winter to cut down the old oak tree.

Bliss's dusty novels

12. **The novels that Bliss never dusts** fill the shelves of her many bookcases.

Carlos's wild plaid shirt

13. **The wild plaid shirt that Carlos was wearing** made Sara dizzy.

old woman's used car

14. When we bought **the used car from an old woman**, we didn't expect to find rap music in the CD drive.

our boss's anger

15. Hurry up and finish! You don't want to experience **the anger of our boss**.

The neighbors' cats

16. **The cats that the neighbors adopted** leave a trail of paw prints all over the hoods of our cars.

Dad's money

17. You must pay back **the money that Dad lent you** if you want to avoid all the weekend chores that he will assign.

the Weavers' sprinkler system

18. Every morning at 3 a.m., **the sprinkler system that the Weavers have** waters the yard illegally.

Mom's high school yearbook

19. We shrieked with delight at the old photos in **the high school yearbook that Mom found**.

Warren's impressive music collection

20. **The impressive music collection that Warren has amassed** is mostly illegal downloads from the Internet.



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