**Section 4 – Apostrophes**

Add punctuation marks where you need them or correct ones that are incorrect. Mark OK if a sentence is correct as written. Be sure you know which rule you are using.

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2. The doubles team of Gibbons’ and Davis’ went on to take the state title.
3. The principal’s announcement didnt surprise anyone.
4. The vegetable’s and fruit’s are looking better in the cafeteria this year.
5. The cat’s toy isn’t under the dresser where it usually is.
6. Susan Winthrop’s and John Kelley’s classes each meet in the auditorium this semester.
7. One of the themes for Homecoming dress-up days is the 80’s.

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1. Matt Perkins’ touchdown clinched the game for the Fighting Saints. (singular proper noun needs an apostrophe to show possession)
2. The actress’ substitute hadn’t learned her lines yet. (OK -- singular common noun needs JUST an apostrophe if the next word starts with an “s” or “sh” sound)
3. The actress’s understudy hadn’t learned her lines yet. (but if the next word is NOT an “s” or “sh,” then you need an apostrophe “s”)
4. The men’s washroom is closed for cleaning. (Make a plural word possessive by adding an apostrophe and an “s”)
5. The doubles team of Gibbons and Davis went on to take the state title. (They may share the title, but nothing grammatically shows possession so no apostrophes)
6. The principal’s announcement didn’t surprise anyone. (possessive for principal is fine, but did you notice the apostrophe missing in the contraction?)
7. The vegetables and fruits are looking better in the cafeteria this year. (they may look better but they don’t own anything -- no apostrophes)
8. The cat’s toy isn’t under the dresser where it usually is. (OK -- both possession and contraction uses are fine)
9. Susan Winthrop’s and John Kelley’s classes each meet in the auditorium this semester. (OK, they have separate classes so two apostrophes)
10. One of the themes for Homecoming dress-up days is the ’80s. (No possession, but the 19 is missing from 1980s)