

There, They're, Their

Though the words they're, their and there are often confused, they have very different meanings.



They're is a contraction for the words *they are*.

Their indicates *something that belongs to people*

There indicates *a place*, and is used with the word *are* or *is*.

To know which word is correct in a sentence, substitute the words *they are*. Does the sentence make sense? If so, then **they're** is the correct word. If the sentence does not make sense, see if it is talking about something that belongs to someone. If so, then **their** is the correct word. If the sentence is talking about a place, then **there** is correct.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Circle whether or not the sentence is correct.

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| 1. They're performance was outstanding. | correct | incorrect |
| 2. When I asked their names, they told me. | correct | incorrect |
| 3. The meeting is going to take place their. | correct | incorrect |
| 4. My sister is already there; she's waiting for you. | correct | incorrect |
| 5. I suspected there would be a lot of problems. | correct | incorrect |
| 6. I know the answer is right their staring us in the face. | correct | incorrect |
| 7. I know there was some discussion about this. | correct | incorrect |
| 8. They're so cute together; the perfect couple. | correct | incorrect |
| 9. They went to ask they're mothers for permission. | correct | incorrect |
| 10. If I'm not they're, start without me. | correct | incorrect |