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### THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

# PRACTICE WITH APOSTROPHES and standardized testing format

• To show ownership or possession, add an apostrophe and -s to singular nouns.

Sir **Hugo's** warning

Holmes's confidence

Exception: if the noun ends in -es or -is and is an ancient proper noun, add only an apostrophe.

Hercules' Twelve Labors

Isis' temple

- To show possession when the noun is plural and ends in -s, add an apostrophe only, not another -s. the three **hounds'** whimpering the **servants'** quarters
- To show possession when the noun is plural but doesn't end in -s, add an apostrophe and -s. the **men's** discussion the **children's laughter**

Directions: Read each sentence and indicate the best answer to the question that follows it.

#### Watson answered Holmes's question after he looked at Mortimer's walking stick.

A

В

- 1. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be *Holmes*'.
  - B. B is incorrect; it should be *Mortimers*'.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

#### Sir Charles's mysterious death was the focus of the mens' conversation.

A

В

- 2. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect: it should be Sir Charles'.
  - B. B is incorrect: it should be men's.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

#### The <u>Baskerville's</u> effect on their <u>neighbor's</u> economy has been important for generations.

A

B

- 3. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be Baskervilles'.
  - B. B is incorrect; it should be *neighbors*'.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

#### Dr. Watson passes near the Stapletons' home, Merripit House, on his daily walks.

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- 4. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be *Stapletons's*.
  - B. B is incorrect; it should be walk's.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

# Stapleton, like other collector's, was interested in a butterfly's markings. 5. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct? A. A is incorrect; it should be *collectors*. B. B is incorrect; it should be butterflies. C. Both A and B are incorrect. D. Both A and B are correct.

## Sir Henry's travels may have included some of Athens' many sites of historical interest.

- A. A is incorrect; it should be Sir Henrys'.
- B. B is incorrect; it should be *Athens's*.
- C. Both A and B are incorrect.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

#### Every day hundreds of tourists in Athens visit the Acropolis's many temples.

7. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?

6. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?

- A. A is incorrect; it should be *tourist's*.
- B. B is incorrect; it should be Acropolis'.
- C. Both A and B are incorrect.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

#### The moor ponys haunting cry caught Dr. Watsons attention.

- 8. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be *pony*'s.
  - B. B is incorrect: it should be *Watson's*.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

#### The servants desire to leave was influenced by events before Sir Henry arrived.

- 9. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be *servants*'.
  - B. B is incorrect; it should be *event's*.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

#### Many movie version's of this classic novella have delighted audiences around the world.

- 10. Which of the following statements about the sentence above is correct?
  - A. A is incorrect; it should be versions.
  - B. B is incorrect: it should be *audience's*.
  - C. Both A and B are incorrect.
  - D. Both A and B are correct.

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## **Answer Key**

- 1. D
- 2. D
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. A
- **6.** B
- **7.** B
- 8. C
- 9. A
- 10. A