

## Possession Exercises Answer Key SAT

Choose the correct answer from the following options

1. It had long known that cooked rice grains can be used as a substitute for glue, it's stickiness ample for joining two pieces of paper together.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. its
  - c. there
  - d. **their**

**Choice D** is the best answer because it uses the plural, possessive form “their” for the plural noun “rice grains.”

2. Because today’s teachers can expect to have much larger classes– some reaching over 50 students– during our lifetime, it is important for teachers to have the ability to take control of the classroom.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. one’s
  - c. his or her
  - d. **their**

**Choice D** is the best answer because it has the plural, possessive pronoun “their” that agrees with the plural subject “teachers.”

3. The most popular dish at the restaurant was also one of it's spiciest; the Howling Wings.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. its spiciest;
  - c. **its spiciest:**
  - d. it's spiciest,

**Choice C** is the correct answer because it properly uses the possessive form “its” and a colon to introduce the following identifying phrase.

4. The thorax and the abdomen, which contain the ants furry legs, make up two-thirds of an ant’s body.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. ants’ furry legs’,
  - c. **ant’s furry legs,**
  - d. ant’s furry leg’s

**Choice C** is the best answer. It uses apostrophes correctly to make “ants” into a singular possessive noun. It also keeps the correct plural form of legs, without making “legs” possessive. In this case, the “furry legs” belong to the ant.

5. While putting bananas in brown paper bags helps them ripen faster, it also takes away from their visual appeal as decoration in a fruit basket.
- a. **NO CHANGE**
  - b. there
  - c. its
  - d. it's

**Choice A** is the best answer because it correctly uses the plural possessive noun “their” with the plural referent “bananas.”

6. The Winchester Mystery House, which consisted of 2,000 doors and 10,000 windows, was famous for their odd construction.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. were famous for their
  - c. was famous for their
  - d. **was famous for its**

**Choice D** is the best answer. It uses both the correct singular verb “was” and the correct singular possessive pronoun “its” that grammatically corresponds to the singular referent “The Winchester Mystery House.”

7. Like their canine cousin the jaguar, the leopard also has a spotted fur pattern.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. they're
  - c. **its**
  - d. it's

**Choice C** is the best answer because the possessive singular pronoun “its” is consistent with “leopard,” which appears later in the sentence. It also corresponds with the possessive relationship between the pronoun and the “canine cousin the jaguar.”

8. Advocates of vegetarianism suggest that their are numerous other foods besides meat that provide the same proteins.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. **there are**
  - c. there is
  - d. their is

**Choice B** is the best answer because it uses the plural verb “are” for the plural noun phrase “numerous other foods.” Also, there is no possession in this sentence so the pronoun “there” should be used.

9. As fascinating as the discoveries are, though, they're real significance can be found within its eye-opening reminder of the rapidly dwindling population of endangered species.

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. it's real significance can be found within its
- c. their real significance can be found within they're
- d. **their real significance can be found within their**

**Choice D** is the correct answer because it has the correct two plural possessive pronouns "their" and "their" that refer to subject "discoveries."

10. If it is accidentally ingested, grapes and raisins can poison dogs, and can result in kidney failure.

- a. **NO CHANGE**
- b. can poison dog's,
- c. could have poisoned dogs,
- d. has poisoned dog's,

**Choice A** is the correct answer. It correctly uses the plural form of "dog" and the compound verb "can poison" keeps the parallel with the later compound verb "can result in." Choices B and D incorrectly use the possessive form of dog. Choice C creates an inconsistency in verb tense.