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**Your vs. you’re**

Confusing ***your*** and ***you’re*** is a common mistake. However, if you take a moment to revise contractions this can be easily solved!

* A contraction is a shortened form of two words, with the omitted (missing) letter replaced by an apostrophe.
* Examples of contractions include doesn't for does not, they're for they are and can't for cannot.
* You’re is simply a contraction of you are. The apostrophe replaces the ‘a’.

"**You're** a good friend" means "**You are** a good friend."

"I don't know what **you're** talking about" means "I do not know what **you are** talking about."

* **‘Your’** is the possessive form of you and reflects ownership, as in "yours, mine, and ours".

For example:

 "Is **your** stomach growling?"

 "**Your** book is on the table."

**Top Tip!** The easiest way is to sound it out. There is a replacement test that will tell you which word will fit. Read the sentence with "**you are**" in place of where the **"your / you're"** is intended. If it makes sense, then **"you're"** would be right. If not, then "your" would fit.

**Task: Complete the sentences below with your / you’re. Use the top tip to help you.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ favourite football player scored a goal!

2. \_\_\_\_\_ very kind.

3. If \_\_\_\_\_ head hurts, you should probably drink some water.

4. I can’t read \_\_\_\_ handwriting, could you make it a little neater please?

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ my best friend.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ always the first one to school.

7. I really like \_\_\_\_ new bag.

8. Are you taking \_\_\_\_\_ dog to the park later?

9. \_\_\_\_\_ attitude to learning has improved so much lately.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ the funniest person I know!

Answers: 1. Your 2. You’re 3. Your 4. Your 5. You’re 6. You’re 7. Your 8. Your 9. Your 10. You’re