

**They’re**

**Their**

**There**

**They’re**: A contraction of *they are* **E.g. They’re good friends.** The confusion probably relates to the fact that people are unsure about using apostrophes. When you write *they're*, ask yourself whether you can substitute *they are.* If not, you have made a mistake**.**

**Their:** A possessive pronouns similar to *her* and *hers*. The fact that *heir* (referring to a person who inherits something) is hidden in the words *their* might help you remember that they own something**. E.g. I like their car.**

**There:** The most commonly used.It can be used to refer to a place**.**

 **E.g. Shall I put it here or there? / There are only two tickets left.**

**PRACTICE EXERCISE**

Choose the appropriate form: *they’re, their, there.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dog is very loud.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ once was a bird called a Dodo.

3. My aunt and uncle are arriving tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ driving down from Scotland.

4. Many years ago \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were no cars, so people used to travel by horse and carriage.

5. My neighbours have bought another car. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ new one is red.

6. Surprisingly, both of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cars are 4WD.

7. If you look over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you will see the beautiful sunset.

8. Have you seen where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ building that new road?

9. I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ address is 52 Newlands Road.

10. Do you know what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone number is?

Answers: 1. Their, 2. There, 3. They’re, 4. there, 5. Their, 6. their, 7. there, 8. they’re, 9. their, 10. their.