



Grammar Olympics

Each event will have a qualifying round and a championship round.

To *qualify* for a chance to win a medal, you must make a perfect score in the qualifying round which will cover the *basic* material for each event. You will receive a quiz grade for your score in the qualifying round.

The championship round will include more challenging applications of the grammar skill being tested. Though everyone will answer those questions, wrong answers will not count against you. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists will be determined by the scores in the final event rounds. Run-offs may be necessary in event of a tie. There are prizes for winning a medal!

Apostrophe

Review pages 17-18, 41-43, 69, and 269

Date: Thursday, April 8

Commas

Review pages 16, 38-40, 163, 259, and 261

Date: Thursday, April 15

Pronouns

Review pages 6-7, 34-35, 107-113, 143, and 193

Date: Wednesday, April 21

Run-ons and comma splices

Review pages: 26-27, 57, 149, 155

Date: Friday, April 23

Subject/Verb Agreement

Review pages: 11, 28-31, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195

Date: Tuesday, April 27

Quotation Marks and Punctuation of Titles

Review pages: 17, 38-39, 267-268,

Date: Thursday, April 29

Spelling/Usage (they're, their, there; your, you're; its, it's; than, then; to, too, two)

Review pages 12-14; you only need to know the cases listed above

Date: Wednesday, May 4

Name _____

Apostrophe Event
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Qualifying Round. Place apostrophes in each of the following sentences as needed. To qualify for the Olympic event, you must earn a perfect score in this section.

Many coal mining families homes are in West Virginia. The coal miners lives were different from mine. About half of the workers houses had once belonged to the company. Now local families own them. In this community, the mens jobs were basically farming and mining. The womens tasks included factory work, farming and mining. The womens tasks included factory work, farming, and child care. I visited one mine and was allowed to go down into the mines tunnels. The one that I visited were about four hundred feet underground. All the miners talk was cheerful until an alarm rang. Everyones face then became serious as we rode to the surface. Although the days work was cut short, no one was hurt.

Olympic Event. Add and/or remove apostrophes as necessary in the following sentences.

1. James dad is the partys candidate for vice president this year.
2. The fox had its right foreleg caught securely in the traps jaws.
3. Our neighbors car is an old Chrysler, and its just about to fall apart.
4. In three weeks time, we'll have to begin school again.
5. Didn't you hear that the Thompsons are leaving tomorrow?
6. Whenever I think of the stories I read as a child, I remember Cinderellas glass slipper and Snow Whites' wicked stepmother.
7. We claimed the picnic table was ours, but the Smiths children looked so disappointed that we found another spot.
8. Its important that the kitten learns to find its way home.
9. She did not hear her childrens cries.
10. My address has three 7s, and Tims phone number has four 2s.
11. Didn't he say when he would arrive at Arnies house?
12. Its such a beautiful day that I've decided to take a sun bath before the summers end.
13. She said the watch Jack found was hers, but she couldnt identify the manufacturers name on it.
14. Little girls clothing is on the first floor, and the mens department is on the second.
15. The dogs bark was far worse than its bite.
16. The moons rays shone feebly on the path, and I heard the insects chirpings and whistlings.
17. They're not afraid to go ahead with the plans though the choice is not theirs.
18. The man whose face was tan said that he had spent his two weeks vacation in the mountains.
19. I found myself constantly putting two cs in that word.
20. Johns 69 Ford is his proudest possession.