

NAME

Lesson 7.6 Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

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EXERCISE 1 Choosing Correct Possessive Nouns and Pronouns

Underline the correct noun or pronoun in parentheses.

Hint

Do not confuse possessive pronouns with contractions. Contractions (*you're*) have apostrophes. Possessive pronouns (*your*) do not.

1. Brazil is the (worlds', world's) fifth largest country.
2. (Its, It's) population is concentrated in several major cities, such as Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.
3. The major (cities', citys) populations are growing quickly.
4. Did Derrick's parents or (hers, her's) go to Rio de Janeiro last summer?
5. One of the Brazilian (peoples', people's) most exciting festivals is known as Carnival.
6. During Rio's Carnival, thousands of residents sing, dance, and play (their, they're) musical instruments as they parade through the streets.
7. Among many (tourist's, tourists') favorite spots in Rio is Copacabana Beach.
8. (Brazils', Brazil's) name comes from a Portuguese word meaning "glowing coals."
9. Much of the (country's, countrys') interior is covered by the Amazon rainforest.
10. The large picture of the capital city, Brasilia, is (our's, ours).

EXERCISE 2 Editing Sentences

Circle and correct any incorrectly used possessive nouns and pronouns in the sentences below. If a sentence is correct as is, write C.

1. The report on unusual animals of the Amazon rainforest is Sam's and theirs.
2. Brazilian tapirs spend most of they're time near water.
3. These animals' diets consist mainly of leaves, fruit, and grass.
4. The capybara is the worlds' largest rodent, weighing up to 150 pounds.
5. It's eyes, ears, and nostrils are on the top of its head.
6. One of Marys and my favorite birds is the toucan.
7. A toucans call resembles the croak of a frog.
8. The poison dart frog's bright colors scare off attackers.
9. The skin of these frogs' give off poison, which paralyzes its enemies.
10. What are these reptile's average size and their average life span?