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# ***There, Their, and They're***

The words **there**, **their**, and **they're** are often confused and misused. Here's what you need to know:

<b>there</b>
Use <i>there</i> to refer to a place or to the existence of something.
<b>Examples:</b> <i>Ann found her book over <b>there</b>, behind the oak tree.</i> <i><b>There</b> will be free ice cream at Scoops's grand opening.</i>

<b>their</b>
Use <i>their</i> to indicate that something belongs to certain people, animals, or things.
<b>Examples:</b> <i>The Goldbergs brought <b>their</b> new baby home today.</i> <i>The dogs played with <b>their</b> tennis balls all afternoon.</i>

<b>they're</b>
Use <i>they're</i> as a contraction of "they are."
<b>Examples:</b> <i>I love hanging out with Kim and Carli. <b>They're</b> so funny!</i> <i>Ben and Gabriel say <b>they're</b> trying out for the team.</i>

**Directions:** Underline the correct boldface word in each sentence below.

1. The Smiths have lived in Madrid for three years, but **there/their/they're** moving back to Seattle next month.
2. Megan already left for the party. Lilly is meeting her **there/their/they're** after dinner.
3. Anthony carried the twins' birthday cake, and I carried **there/their/they're** presents.
4. Tyler said **there/their/they're** are four kittens sleeping in a box under the porch.

**Directions:** Write either **there**, **their**, or **they're** on each blank in the paragraph below.

Yesterday, my little sisters challenged me to a game of Scrabble. Usually, I avoid playing games with them because \_\_\_\_\_ terrible cheaters. But \_\_\_\_\_ pleading wore me down, and it was raining, so I agreed. We set up the board on the dining room table, removing Princess, the cat that likes to sleep \_\_\_\_\_. Then we picked our tiles. \_\_\_\_\_ were only two blank tiles, and I got them both! Things were looking good. The girls obviously didn't like \_\_\_\_\_ tiles: They kept trying to sneak \_\_\_\_\_ hands into the tile bag for new ones. \_\_\_\_\_ is not much else to say about the game, except that it went on and on and on. When it finally ended and my sister Lisa won, I was more than ready to get out of \_\_\_\_\_.