

# PUNCTUATION EXERCISES

## CATASTROPHIC APOSTROPHES

### EXERCISE 1

**Choose the correct answer to complete each gap:**

1. My (parents / parent's / parents') names are The Old Fella and The Mother.
2. My (bosses / boss's / boss's') office is behind the reception desk.
3. A mountain lion will always protect (it's / its / its') cubs.
4. The kids are at home and (they're / there / their) dying to see you.
5. The (man's / mens' / men's ) section is upstairs at the back.

### EXERCISE 2

**Make contractions from the following:**

1. You (must not) \_\_\_\_\_ smoke inside the building.
2. He (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ pass the exam unless he studies.
3. I wanted to visit Italy but I (could not) \_\_\_\_\_ as I (did not) \_\_\_\_\_ get a visa.
4. You (should have) \_\_\_\_\_ told me it was your birthday!
5. (Who is)\_\_\_\_\_ yer man over there?

### EXERCISE 3

**Identify which of the following sentences are correct and which contain mistakes:**

1. Its a mistake to assume that all EU countries have the same law's.
2. W.B Yeats's poetry is fairly rich in imagery at the best of times.
3. The neighbours' dog's barking kept me up most the night.
4. I love Vienna and it's small side streets and cosy café's.
5. JFK said you should forgive you're enemies but not forget their names.