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Notebook

For Using

There, Their, and They're

Standard

SPI 0301.1.14 Recognize usage errors occurring within context (i.e., double negatives, troublesome words: to/too/two; their/there/they're).

There, Their, and They're

There, their, and there are homophones.

Because they have the same pronunciation, they are commonly confused by students.

Here are a few notes on how to utilize them and helpful suggestions to remember .

There

- **There** is used to identify location. For example:
- Put the box over **there**.
- My group will meet **there**.

There

- A trick for remembering the correct use of **there** is to think of the word **here**.
- If you cover the letter **t** in **there**, you will have the word **here**.
- **Here** also refers to location:
 - We will meet **here** tomorrow.
 - I will put my books **here**.

Their

- Is a possessive pronoun. It shows ownership.
- That is **their** classroom.
- **Their** teacher will return soon.
- This is my book, but that is **their** pencil.

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Their

- In order to remember the correct use of **their**, think of the word **heir**. An **heir** becomes the owner of his or her inheritance. He or she is the new owner.
- Remember, **their** shows ownership.

They're

- Is a contraction for “they are”. For example:
- **They are** going to the movies.
- **OR**
- **They're** going to the movies.
- **They are** my friends.
- **OR**
- **They're** my friends.

They're

- Always do the test before using **“they’re”**.
- Check to see if the sentence sounds correct with **“they are”**. If it doesn't, the contraction, **they're**, can not be used!

They're

- You would not say:
- That is **they are** dog.
- **OR**
- I live **they are**.
- Neither of these sentence can use the contraction, **they're**.

They're

- You would say:
- That is **their** dog.
- I live **there**.

Quiz

Use the pointer to do the quiz.

- I live (there, they're).
- (There, their) is my mother.
- That was (there, their) idea.
- I live here, but you live (they're, there).
- Maggie will see if (they're, their) coming.
- (Their, they're) car is red.