# A 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.

#### 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.

- 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.

- 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!

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

- You would say:
- That is their dog.
  - l 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.