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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:

## there

Use *there* to refer to a place or to the existence of something.

### Examples:

*Ann found her book over **there**, behind the oak tree.*

***There** will be free ice cream at Scoops' grand opening.*

## their

Use *their* to indicate that something belongs to certain people, animals, or things.

### Examples:

*The Kroebers brought **their** new baby home today.*

*The dogs played with **their** tennis balls all afternoon.*

## they're

Use *they're* as a contraction of "they are."

### Examples:

*I love hanging out with Kim and Carli. **They're** so funny!*

*Ben and Gabriel say **they're** trying out for the team.*

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

1. The Peters 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. Priscilla 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. \_\_\_\_\_ are 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, I was more than ready to get out of \_\_\_\_\_.