

# There, Their, and They're

The words there, their, and they're are often confused and misused.

Here's what you need to know:

- Use **there** to refer to a place or to the existence of something.
  - Examples: Ayumi found her dropped book over there, behind the oak tree. Ted promised that there will be free ice cream at the Scoop Shop's grand opening.
- Use **their** to indicate that something belongs to certain people, animals, or things.
  - Examples: The Kroebers brought their new baby home today. The dogs fought over their tennis balls for the whole car ride.
- Use **they're** as a contraction of "they are."
  - Examples: Ben and Gabriel say they're trying out for the baseball team. I love hanging out with Kim and Carli. They're so funny!

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**Highlight the correct bold word in each sentence below:**

1. The Kavanaghs 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. Aja carried the twins' birthday cake, and I carried **there/their/they're** presents.
4. Feyi said **there/their/they're** are four kittens sleeping in a box under the porch.
5. The Barrett boys explained that **there/their/they're** parrot flew away when they opened the window.
6. Leo prefers Brazilian green peaches because **there/their/they're** smaller and milder than American peaches.

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**Write the correct choice of 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 \_\_\_\_\_. The score? Lisa: 311. Janet: 296. Me: 64. Ugh. My sisters, of course, had a great time. \_\_\_\_\_ already begging me to play again.