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Level 4 – 5th December, 2019

Apostrophe Protection Society says goodbye

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191205-apostrophe-4.html>

A man who campaigned for better use of the apostrophe has quit his decades-long battle. John Richards, 96, started the Apostrophe Protection Society in 2001. He wrote: "Fewer organisations and individuals are now caring about the correct use of the apostrophe in English. We have done our best, but the ignorance and laziness present in modern times have won." He said many people supported him, "but the barbarians have won".

Mr Richards started the society after seeing the "same mistakes over and over again". He hoped some people would join him, but he received support and letters from all over the world. His biggest beef was people not using the apostrophe at all. He criticised big companies for this. In the UK, Lloyds Bank stopped using the apostrophe in its name. Mr Richards may be happy with the burger chain McDonald's but not with Starbucks.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. A man who | a. in English |
| 2. quit his decades- | b. long battle |
| 3. organisations and | c. won |
| 4. use of the apostrophe | d. best |
| 5. We have done our | e. campaigned |
| 6. the ignorance | f. times |
| 7. present in modern | g. and laziness |
| 8. the barbarians have | h. individuals |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mr Richards started | a. beef |
| 2. over and over | b. and letters |
| 3. He hoped some people | c. its name |
| 4. he received support | d. at all |
| 5. His biggest | e. would join him |
| 6. people not using the apostrophe | f. the society |
| 7. stopped using the apostrophe in | g. chain McDonald's |
| 8. the burger | h. again |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191205-apostrophe-4.html>

A man who (1) _____ use of the apostrophe has quit his (2) _____. John Richards, 96, started the Apostrophe Protection Society in 2001. He wrote: "Fewer (3) _____ are now caring about (4) _____ of the apostrophe in English. We have done our best, but the (5) _____ present in modern times have won." He said many people supported him, "but (6) _____ won".

Mr Richards started the society after seeing the "(7) _____ and over again". He hoped some people (8) _____, but he received support and letters (9) _____ the world. His biggest beef was people not using the (10) _____. He criticised big companies for this. In the UK, Lloyds Bank stopped (11) _____ in its name. Mr Richards may be (12) _____ burger chain McDonald's but not with Starbucks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE APOSTROPHE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the apostrophe in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

