**Possession or Omission?**

Below are sentences that contain apostrophes. For each sentence: a.) Highlight/underline to indicate whether the apostrophe shows possession or omission; b.) Explain your choice.

Example: ‘He had stolen John’s motorbike.’

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Explain: The motorcycle belonged to John, and so therefore the apostrophe shows possession.

1. ‘Chris didn’t want to play outside.’

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1. ‘Susie ate an apple that wasn’t hers.’

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1. ‘Pablo beat Harold on Christophe’s computer game.’

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1. ‘Erica’s really good at English but not that great at Maths.’

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‘Samir’s birthday couldn’t have been in February.’

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**Inverted Comma Police!**

Hello Constable! My name is Sergeant Punctuation, and I need you to help me wipe out the wrong use of inverted commas!

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| Task 1: For each of the sentences below, add in the correct punctuation (inverted commas and other punctuation.) |
| 1. I promise that I didnt do it officer shouted the shifty man |
| 1. Where do you think youre going PC Dave asked |
| 1. He asked have you been fined for bad punctuation before no answered the young man |
| 1. The young boy didn’t seem to care he muttered I dont need good grammar anyway we’ll see about that answered the officer |
| 1. Did he use inverted commas the officer asked no I think he forgot wept his mother oh dear oh dear said the officer |
| Task B: Is the following use of inverted commas correct or incorrect? Explain your answer fully. |
| “I think I’m using them right now” , said the young man”. |
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