

Lesson 35: Their, There**PLL PART TWO****Word Study**

Their (Ownership): Means *belonging to them*. The word **their** is always used with the name of some object: *their hats, their coats*.

There (Place): Points to a location (*over there*) or begins a fact (*There are...*). Notice that **there** contains the word **here**!

1 OBJECT PAIRS — USING "THEIR"

their hats

their coats

their books

their slates

their balls

their bonnets

2 HANDWRITING & COPYING — SENTENCES WITH "THEIR"

Copy each sentence neatly below, observing that **their** describes an object:

1. *Their hats are black.*

Write:

2. *The boys wore their coats.*

Write:

3. *The girls like their books.*

Write:

4. *We play with their balls.*

Write:

3 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION — USING "THERE"

Write two or more complete sentences containing the word **there**:

5. **[there]**

Line 2:

6. **[there]**

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Homophone Mastery

Distinguishing "Their" and "There": Confusion between *their* (possessive adjective) and *there* (adverb of place / expletive) is among the most frequent spelling errors in elementary writing. The lesson gives children an infallible rule: *their* must always accompany an object belonging to persons.

Key SECTION 2: COPYING ANALYSIS & STRUCTURAL NOTES

1. Their hats are black.

Analysis: Capitalized at start of sentence; *their* indicates ownership of the noun *hats*.

2. The boys wore their coats.

Analysis: *their* links directly to *the boys* and modifies the plural object *coats*.

3. The girls like their books.

Analysis: *their* modifies *books*, indicating the books belonging to the girls.

4. We play with their balls.

Analysis: *their* modifies the object of the preposition, *balls*.

Model SECTION 3: EXEMPLAR STUDENT COMPOSITIONS WITH "THERE"

Adverb of Place (Pointing to Location):

- Exemplar 1: Please place your clean slates over **there** on the corner table.
- Exemplar 2: Look **there** across the green meadow to see the grazing sheep.

Introductory / Expletive "There":

- Exemplar 3: **There** are three sweet singing birds in the tall apple tree.
- Exemplar 4: **There** is a bright silver star shining in the evening sky.

Evaluation Focus	Exemplary (Proficient)	Developing (Needs Support)
Homophone Discrimination	Accurately spells <i>their</i> for possessive phrases and <i>there</i> for place/introductory statements.	Confuses <i>their</i> and <i>there</i> (e.g. writes "I Look their" or "there coats").
Sentence Completeness	Composes two rich, grammatically complete statements for Section 3 with clear meaning.	Writes fragmented phrases lacking a subject or predicate.
Penmanship & Mechanics	Accurate cursive or print transcription; correct capitalization and final periods on all sentences.	Omitted capital letters; missing end periods; hurried letter spacing.