The Important Apostrophe: You're and Your

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Part I. Read each sentence below. If *you're* or *your* is used correctly in the sentence, circle *right* in the blank. If *you're* or *your* is not used correctly, circle *wrong*,

1. I want to ride your bike.	right	wrong
2. She likes you're handwriting.	right	wrong
3. You're supposed to wash the dishes.	right	wrong
4. Your dog is so cute!	right	wrong
5. You can't change you're mind.	right	wrong
6. Have fun while your young.	right	wrong
7. When you're ready, we'll leave.	right	wrong
8. Your not going with us.	right	wrong

Part II. In the blanks below, write the correct word: your or you're.

- 1. _____ mother makes wonderful cupcakes.
- 2. If _______ friendly, you'll have lots of friends.
- 3. What time is _____ practice?

4. _____ a great dancer!

- 5. Rupert thinks ______ the right person for the team.
- 6. Please turn _____ phone off!
- 7. Call me if ______ going to the party.
- 8. Please tell me ______ ideas on the project.

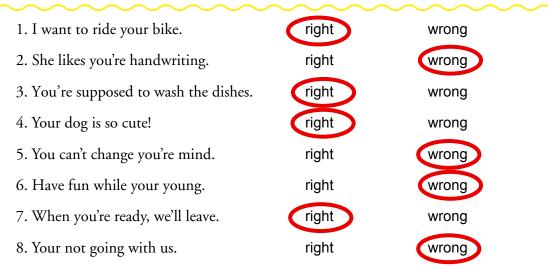
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4. You're a great dancer!

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