

There is a bee on **your** collar. Look out! **You're** going to be stung! Circle the boldfaced word that means "you are." Underline the boldfaced word that shows ownership.

The words **your** and **you're** sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. *Your* is a possessive pronoun and shows ownership. *You're* is a contraction made from the words *you are*.

See Handbook Section 30

Part 1

Read this conversation. Circle a word in parentheses to complete each sentence correctly. (1–15)

"Hello, Mr. Garcia! Are (your/you're) bees making honey?" asked Mina.

"Yes, they are. I'll bring a jar to you and (your/you're) family tomorrow," Mr. Garcia answered.

"(Your/You're) interested in beekeeping, aren't you?"

"Yes. Can you tell me how (your/you're) bees make honey?"

"They gather nectar from flowers, such as the roses in (your/you're) yard," Mr. Garcia said. "The bees add enzymes to the nectar. As the nectar evaporates, it turns into honey."

"Does the whole hive really work together?" Mina asked.

"(Your/You're) exactly right," Mr. Garcia answered. "Each bee has a special job to do."

"(Your/You're) work sounds interesting!" Mina said.

Mr. Garcia said, "If (your/you're) really curious, you can help me work with my bees."

"I'd love to see (your/you're) beehives," replied Mina. "Is it true that (your/you're) supposed to wear a special suit with gloves and a veil?"

"(Your/You're) right," he said. "If you don't protect (your/you're) skin, the bees can sting you."

"(Your/You're) going to have to help me convince my parents that I will be safe," Mina said.

"If (your/you're) careful to do as I say, you will be perfectly safe," Mr. Garcia said. "I'll talk with (your/you're) parents tomorrow," he added.



As bees gather nectar, they also help pollinate flowers.