

Read and Discover

Their, There, They're

Lesson 22

"Look at the fireflies over **there**. **They're** glowing!" Angelo said.
"They use **their** ability to glow to attract mates," replied Mara.

Which boldfaced word means "belonging to them"? _____

Which boldfaced word means "they are"? _____

Which boldfaced word means "in that place"? _____

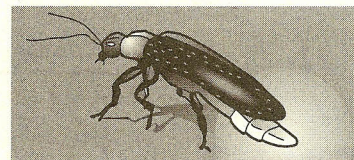
The words **their**, **there**, and **they're** sound almost the same but have different meanings and spellings. *Their* is a possessive pronoun and means "belonging to them." *There* is an adverb and usually means "in that place." *There* may also be used as an introductory word. *They're* is a contraction of the words *they are*.

See Handbook Section 30

Part 1

Circle the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

1. (Their/There/They're) are about 1,900 different species of fireflies.
2. (Their/There/They're) a kind of beetle; sometimes they are called "lightning bugs."
3. Adult fireflies can tell whether another firefly is one of (their/there/they're) own kind when it flashes its signal.
4. Fireflies aren't the only creatures that glow. Some bacteria and fish share (their/there/they're) ability to give off light.
5. New Zealand glowworms also give off light; (their/there/they're) related to the housefly.
6. Glowworms make sticky, glowing threads that they use to catch (their/there/they're) food.
7. (Their/There/They're) are a number of uses for light-producing creatures.
8. In some places, people catch fireflies in transparent containers and use the containers as lanterns to light (their/there/they're) way.
9. In (their/there/they're) experiments, scientists use the enzyme that makes fireflies glow.
10. Look at the fireflies over (their/there/they're).
11. (Their/There/They're) glinting in between the trees.
12. (Their/There/They're) entire bodies seem to glow.



A chemical reaction in fireflies' bodies produces light.