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Their, There, and They're

Once upon a time, **their¹** were three little pigs. **They're²** was Curly. He was the oldest. **Their³** was Wurly. He was the smartest. And then **they're⁴** was Flo. She was the favorite pig. Their mother loved Flo the best. Curly, Wurly and Flo lived with their mother in a high-rise apartment building in New York City. **There⁵** apartment was on the 75th floor. The pigs didn't mind this because **they're⁶** was an elevator that opened right in front of their apartment door. It was on the days that **there⁷** elevator wasn't working, that the pigs suffered. **There⁸** little hoofs would be aching by the time they reached their apartment. **There⁹** mother would have to have little hoof baths waiting for her three little pigs when they finally reached the top. Of course, Flo always got the warmest hoof bath because she was **they're¹⁰** mother's favorite.

One day, Mama Pig sent the three pigs to the store to buy apples for **there¹¹** dinner. She gave them a list of items that she needed. She also gave them **they're¹²** allowance, and she told them that they could buy **there¹³** favorite candy which they would eat for **they're¹⁴** dessert. The three pigs put on their jackets (it was winter). They put on **there¹⁵** gloves and scarves. Next, it was time to put on their boots. Curly slipped on his bright red leather boots over his red and yellow polka dot socks. Wurly, being the most intelligent, slipped on his waterproof, fully lined boots over his white socks. Curly and Wurly

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were ready and waiting for **there¹⁶** sister. She could not find her boots.

"Curly and Wurly," she said, "have you seen my boots?"

Curly and Wurly looked at each other and then they looked at **there¹⁷** sister. "I'll tell you where they are," said Wurly, "if you'll give us your allowance to hold while you go and get them."

"Okay," agreed Flo as she handed the boys her allowance.

"**They're¹⁸** are your boots, over **their¹⁹**," said Curly.

"Where?" asked Flo suspiciously.

"Over **their²⁰**!" squealed the boys as they pointed to the window in **there²¹** living room. "**There²²** over **they're²³** behind that curtain."

Flo slowly walked toward the window. The boys followed closely behind **there²⁴** sister. Just as she reached the window, Curly opened the window and Wurly pushed Flo through. Curly and Wurly squealed with delight as **they're²⁵** sister fell 75 floors. Curly and Wurly were thrilled that **there²⁶** plan worked. They were rid of Flo and they had her money! Luckily for Flo, she landed on a huge snow pile and was not hurt. Her brothers were not so fortunate.

Mama Pig heard the commotion, ran into the living room and, when she realized what they had done, sent the boys to live with **there²⁷** Uncle Oscar Mayer. Uncle Oscar always knew what to do with bad little pigs.

The boys protested. They were just doing Flo a favor by helping her find her boots; it wasn't **they're²⁸** fault that she was clumsy. But Mama would not listen to **there²⁹** excuses and off they went to Uncle Oscar's.

Flo and Mama Pig still live on the 75th floor of the apartment building in New York City, and **their³⁰** very happy

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their³¹. Now Flo gets her brothers' allowance since there³²
not they're³³.

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