

There • Their • They're

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Definitions

There: in or at that place **There is** your missing key ring.
Their: relating to them **Their** books were bought at the book store.
They're: they are **They're** going to the baseball game tonight.

Setting: A Widow's house; the Old Woman's hut

Characters:

Narrator
Widow Marie
Maura, the elder daughter
Sabrina, the younger daughter
Old Woman

Narrator: **A long time ago, a widow lived in a lovely house with her two daughters, Maura and Sabrina. When their father died, he left them a long leather bag full of gold and silver. One day they were visited by a poor Old Woman.**

Old Woman: **(knocking on the front door) Hello! Hello! Is anyone in there?**

Widow: **Yes! (opening the door) What may I do for you, Old Woman?**

Old Woman: **Would you have a bit to eat for a poor woman?**

Widow: **(points to a chair) Please come and sit there awhile. Come children, join me. We shall get the old woman some tasty food.**

Narrator: **The Widow and her daughters went into their kitchen to prepare some food. While they were gone, the Old Woman crept around the room, saw the leather bag on the hearth, opened it and looked inside.**

Old Woman: **Ah! It's full of Gold and Silver! Today is my lucky day!**

Narrator: **Quickly, the Old Woman took the leather bag and ran out of the house. Just then, the front door slammed.**

Widow: **Oh dear! The wind must have blown the door shut. Maura go bring this tray to the Old Woman.**

Maura: **(walking into the room) Mother! She's gone!**

Sabrina: **(searching the room) Look, Mother, over there at the hearth. Father's leather bag is gone, too. The Old Woman must have taken it!**

Widow: **(looking out the front door) Look, girls! I can just see her over there by the barn. Quickly girls, run after her. Surely your legs can go faster than hers.**

Narrator: **The Old Woman turned and saw the girls chasing her. She took a magic wand from her pocket and waved it, circling herself. Poof! She was gone.**

Maura: **Sabrina, where did she go? I just saw her over there by the barn.**

Sabrina: I don't know. I thought she was over there by the pond. What shall we do now?

Maura: Let's find her. Perhaps we can trick her into giving us father's leather bag.

Narrator: The girls returned home and put the Old Woman's food in a basket. Then they walked through their village, asking many villagers where the Old Woman lived. Finally, they found the place and peeked in the window. There, they saw the Old Woman hiding the leather bag in the chimney.

Old Woman: (laughing) They're going to have a hard time finding their leather bag. (a knock at the door) What? Who is that knocking at my door? (peeking out the window) How did they find their way here? Oh well, let's have some fun with them. (Opens the door) May I help you?

Maura: (pretending to be surprised) Oh! You are the kind Old Woman who visited us this morning. We thought you were frightened away by the fierce wind. We've brought you some food but I'm afraid it is too cold to eat. May we light your fire so that it can be warmed?

What happened next?

Using as many definitions of there, their and they're as you can, end the play.