ELA.04.SR.2.09.023 C2 T9

Sample Item Id:	**ELA.04.SR.2.09.023**
Grade / Model:	**04/3**
Claim:	**2.** Students can produce effective writing for a range of purpose and audiences.
Assessment Target:	**9: EDIT/CLARIFY:** Apply or edit grade-appropriate grammar usage and mechanics to clarify a message and edit narrative, informational, and opinion texts
Secondary Target(s):	NA
Standard(s):	L-1, L-2, L-3b
DOK:	1
Difficulty:	M
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	C
Stimulus/Passage(s):	"Animal Homes"
Stimuli/Text Complexity:	n/a (writing stimulus)
Acknowledgement(s):	Test contractor
Item/Task Notes:	
How This Item/Task Contributes To The Sufficient Evidence For This Claim:	To successfully complete this item, students must use grade-appropriate mechanics (possessives) to clarify a message in informational text.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., Accessibility Issues):	Adapted presentation of stimulus text is needed for students with visual impairment.

Stimulus Text:

Read the paragraph and answer the question that follows it.

Animal Homes

Animals make their homes in certain places for good reasons. Birds like the safety of living high above the ground in trees. Rabbits dig holes in the ground where they stay warm. Bears claim caves that keep them out of cold, wet weather. Bees make honeycombs that help them do different jobs. All _____ homes are chosen for the ways they help the creatures that live in them.

Item Stem:

Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

Options:

A. animal’s

B. animals

C. animals’

D. animals’s

Distractor Analysis:

A. This option has an apostrophe and an “s,” but they are configured in a way that indicates a singular rather than plural possessive noun.

B. This option has an “s” but no apostrophe, which indicates a noun plural but does not show possession.

C. KEY: The apostrophe and the “s” in this option are correctly placed for the plural possessive noun.

D. This option contains an “s” for a plural noun, an apostrophe to show possession, but it has a superfluous “s” after the apostrophe.