

Using *its* and *it's*

When do we use *its*? *Its* is a possessive adjective. Use *its* if you can change it for a noun + 's.

E.g. The cat drank *its* milk.

The cat drank *the cat's* milk.



What about *it's*? This is the shortened form of *it is*. Use *it's* if you can change it for *it is* or *it has*.

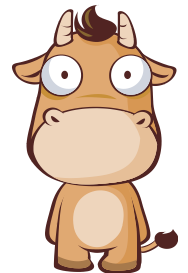
E.g. *It's* very cold today!

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Oh dear! The person who wrote these sentences didn't know whether to use *its* or *it's*. Can you add in the correct word?

1. My dad says _____ very cold in Canada today.
2. The dog ran away because _____ collar came loose.
3. The robber broke into the car and stole _____ contents.
4. Hurry up, _____ nearly time for school!
5. _____ my sister who has won the competition, not my brother.
6. The house lost _____ roof during the storm.
7. Brush your teeth, _____ bedtime.
8. _____ about time you learned to ride a bicycle!
9. The library lost _____ books in the fire.
10. I can't go out because _____ raining.
11. The cow is happy eating _____ grass.



Challenge: Your task is to create 6 sentences of your own to test your friends. Write these on lined paper too. Make it as difficult as you want. Can they get the answer right?