Common apostrophes: it's or its

Grade 2 Punctuation Worksheet

Choose <u>it's</u> or <u>its</u> for each sentence.

- 1. <u>It's</u> eight thirty, you better go to bed.
- 2. The cat licked _____ paws thoroughly.
- 3. Do you know _____ time to turn off the TV?

it's is short for it is.

It's late. -> It is late.

Its means that it belongs to something (it).

Its bed -> The dog's bed.

- 4. The dog dragged _____ ball through the yard.
- 5. The bird fed worms to _____ chicks.
- 6. _____ too bad you cannot go.
- 7. _____ the last bus, don't miss it.
- 8. The whale holds _____ breath under water.
- 9. The mouse hid _____ cheese in the crack of the floor.
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