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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.

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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!
It is very cold today!

Oh dear! The person who wrote these sentences didn't know whether to use *its* or *it's*! Copy these sentences into your book, using the correct word.

1. My dad says *its* very cold in Canada today.
2. The dog ran away because *its* collar came loose.
3. The robber broke into the car and stole *its* contents.
4. Hurry up, *its* nearly time for school!
5. *Its* my sister who has won the competition, not my brother.
6. The house lost *its* roof during the storm.
7. Brush your teeth, *its* bedtime.
8. *Its* about time you learned to ride a bicycle!
9. The library lost *its* books in the fire.
10. I can't go out because *its* raining.
11. The cow is happy eating *its* grass.
12. *Its* 12 o'clock, *its* lunchtime!
13. *Its* been a long time since I last saw my cousin Joe.
14. The army has sent *its* soldiers to help the victims of the disaster.
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