

# QEP Grammar Extravaganza: “Battle of the Vs.”



# Their vs. They're vs. There

- **Their** = more than one person possesses something
  - They shook their heads.
  - Their cars were damaged yesterday.
- **They're** = “they are” = more than one person is doing something
  - They're talking.
  - I don't know if they're home.
- **There** = a place
  - Sit it down right there.
  - There is my phone.
- **Their, they're, and there:**
  - They're going in there to get their vitals checked.



# Let's Practice!

Fill in the blank with either *their*, *they're*, or *there*:

1. They didn't wash \_\_\_\_\_ hands.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ about to go to the hospital.
3. Go see what \_\_\_\_\_ doing.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are more than 1,700 Chatham County residents enrolled in assistance for health insurance under the federal Affordable Care Act.



# Those vs. These

- Those = object far from the speaker (picture someone pointing)
  - Those are not my earrings.
  - I've never seen those in my life.
- These = objects close to the speaker (picture someone holding items up)
  - These are my earrings.
  - I've seen these before.



# More Practice!

- Write a sentence using “their.”
- Write a sentence using “there.”
- Write a sentence using “they’re.”
- Write a sentence using “their” and “there.”
- Write a sentence using all three.



# Who's vs. Whose

- **Who's** = a contraction of “who is” or “who has”
  - Who's coming with me?
  - Bob, who's usually prompt, is late.
- **Whose** = the possessive form of who or which
  - Whose computer is this?
  - Bob, whose record is outstanding, is late.

# Let's Practice!

Fill in the blank with either *who's* or *whose*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ left their shoes in the doorway again?
- I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_ coming to the workshop.
- Paul is the one \_\_\_\_\_ working the hardest.
- “\_\_\_\_\_ stolen my wallet?” he shouted.
- I would like to know \_\_\_\_\_ comments these are.



Q & A

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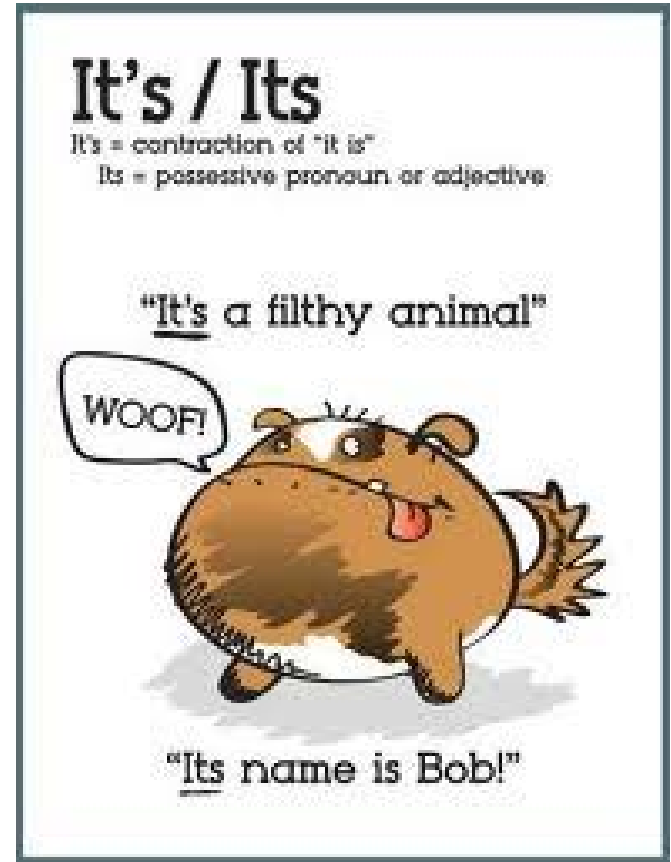
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Answers



# Its vs. It's

- Its = a pronoun used to show possession of the word it
  - Each company has its own budget.
  - The dodo bird is known for its inability to fly.
- It's = a contraction of "it is"
  - It's a bird!
  - I was told that it's required.



# Who vs. Whom

- Who = a pronoun that refers to the subject of the sentence
  - Subjects do an action
    - Who won the race?
    - I'm the one who walks the dog.
- Whom = a pronoun that refers to the object of the sentence
  - Objects receive an action
    - Whom do I love?
    - We want to know on whom the prank was pulled.

Who vs.  
Whom.

# Let's Practice!

- I haven't read it, but I heard its/it's good.
- Its/It's over.
- The government has lost its/it's way.
- To who/whom did you send the letter.
- I have no idea who/whom was standing there.
- With who/whom will she be going to the ball?
- I can't think who/whom might have done such a thing.



# Lay vs. Lie vs. Laying

- **Lay = to put something down**
  - Lay the book on the table.
  - I was told to lay the bag in the chair.
- **Laid = the past tense of lay**
  - I laid the phone on the table.
  - Sam laid the paper clips on the desk.
- **Laying = the present participle of lay.**
  - I'm laying the folder on the counter.
  - Stay laying the bowls in the sink.

# Lay vs. Lie vs. Laying

- Lie = to rest or recline
  - I'm going to lie down for a minute.
  - The dog loves to lie in Dad's recliner.
- Lay = the past tense of lie
  - Yesterday, I lay in my bed all day.
  - The cat lay on the windowsill.
- Lying = the present participle of lie
  - Charlie is lying on the floor.
  - Quit lying on my bearskin rugs.

# Let's Practice

- Please lay/lie the bag on the counter.
- Please **lay** the bag on the counter.
- Mrs. Hall lied/laid her papers on the podium.
- Mrs. Hall **laid** her papers on the podium.
- She has been laying/lying on the couch all day.
- She has been **lying** on the couch all day.
- Yesterday, I mostly lie/lay in bed.
- Yesterday, I mostly **lie** in bed.

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