

# Homophones

## Its vs. It's

Use **it's** when you mean **it is** or **it has**.

Examples: **It's** a beautiful day.  
**It's** been years since we visited.

Use **its** when you are using it as a possessive (relating/belonging to itself).

Example: The dog licked **its** paws.

Fill in the blanks below using either **it's** or **its**.

1. The cat played with \_\_\_\_\_ toys.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ cold outside today.
3. The bear likes \_\_\_\_\_ den.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ time to go home.
5. The dog played with \_\_\_\_\_ ball.
6. The fox likes \_\_\_\_\_ family.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ been a long time since we saw a movie.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a great book.
9. The dog likes \_\_\_\_\_ bone.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful dress.

**Hint:** Use an apostrophe if it is a contraction; if you can replace the apostrophe with the words **is** or **has**.