

How to Use This Book . . .

The activities in this book provide an excellent source of grammar practice for elementary students. The pages can be used as drill reinforcement or as independent instructional material and are designed to help motivate students to learn through a variety of exercises. The activities in this book are grouped by skill; these skills may overlap more than one grade level and should be used in ways that best meet each student's needs. The reproducibles are created so that a student can work with a minimum of supervision in a classroom or at home. Answer keys to all exercises have been provided in the back of the book.



EXTRA! EXTRA! When you see this symbol, be sure to check out the "extra" extension activity provided.

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Your is a **possessive pronoun**. It shows **ownership**.

Examples: **Your** books are on the table. I like **your** choice of books.

You're is a **contraction** of **you are**. It has an apostrophe. It is often followed by an action verb.

Examples: **You're** going to be late! I hope **you're** ready soon.

Write **your** or **you're** in the blank to complete each sentence.

1. _____ going to make "Strange Stuff" today.
2. Please read _____ instructions carefully.
3. Janet, are you sure there are equal amounts of water and cornstarch in _____ bowl?
4. Don't spill the green food coloring, or _____ "Strange Stuff" will get too green!
5. Stir it until _____ sure there are no lumps.
6. Now, poke _____ finger straight down in it! Surprise!
7. Put some "Strange Stuff" between _____ fingers and rub it.
8. Drop a spoonful on the table and watch it. _____ having fun, aren't you?
9. _____ assignment is to explain how "Strange Stuff" is like liquid and a solid.
10. _____ going to have to do some thinking about it.

Its is a **possessive pronoun**. It shows **ownership**.

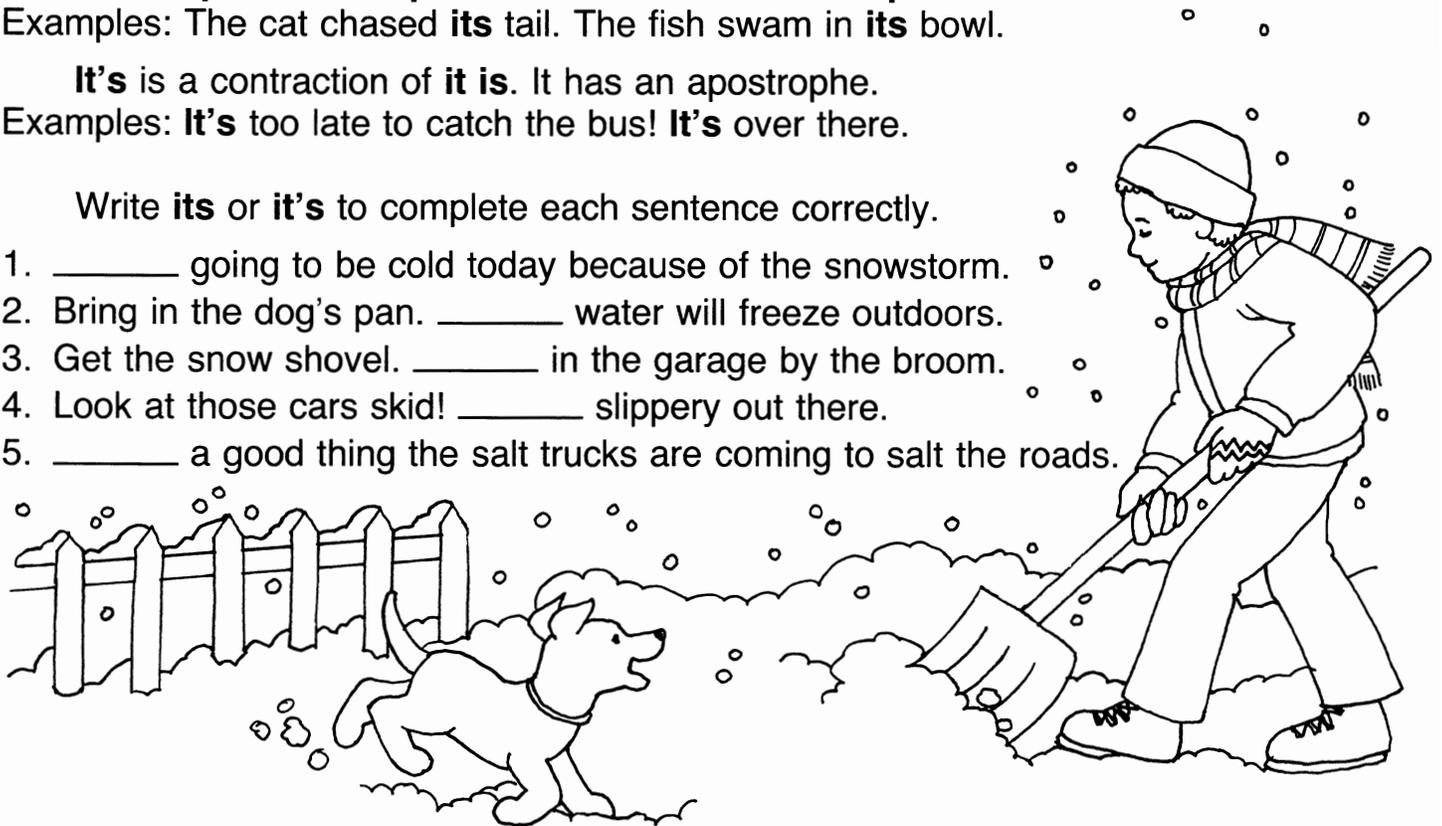
Examples: The cat chased **its** tail. The fish swam in **its** bowl.

It's is a **contraction** of **it is**. It has an apostrophe.

Examples: **It's** too late to catch the bus! **It's** over there.

Write **its** or **it's** to complete each sentence correctly.

1. _____ going to be cold today because of the snowstorm.
2. Bring in the dog's pan. _____ water will freeze outdoors.
3. Get the snow shovel. _____ in the garage by the broom.
4. Look at those cars skid! _____ slippery out there.
5. _____ a good thing the salt trucks are coming to salt the roads.





Polly's pointers:

Use **I** or **we** in the subject part of a sentence.
Use **me** or **us** in the predicate part of a sentence.

Write **I**, **we**, **me**, or **us** in each blank.



Dave and _____ went camping at Clearwater Lake Friday night. When _____ left for the lake, the sky looked clear to _____. But when _____ arrived, it was dark and cloudy. Thunder and lightning greeted _____. _____ had just set up the tent when it started to rain on _____. Dave and _____ hurried to get all the supplies into the tent before they got too wet.

“ _____ might as well go to bed early,” _____ suggested. “You and _____ can’t do much in this rain.”

“Okay. Give _____ the flashlight so _____ can see to fix my bedroll,” Dave said to _____. Suddenly Dave exclaimed, “Hey! _____ have heard of it ‘raining cats and dogs’, but this is ridiculous!”

_____ looked down at the circle of light. There, with its head sticking out of Dave’s damp bedroll, was something black and white, and it **wasn’t** a cat or a dog! It was a skunk!



Use your imagination and write an ending to the story.

Capitalization Review

Circle the word in each sentence that should begin with a capital letter. Then write these words in the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

2. My aunt Betty lives in Denver.
3. Have you been to the Baseball Hall of fame?
4. Do you know if kenya is in Africa?
5. Does uncle Joe own a farm?
11. My grandfather immigrated from europe.
13. I read an interesting story about general Robert E. Lee.
15. Do you prefer sudso or Bright Day for laundry soap?
16. Have you visited tulsa, Oklahoma?
17. "Nation—world" magazine has the latest news.
18. Do you like spanish food?
19. Valentine's day is February 14.

DOWN

1. Crowds gathered to see queen Elizabeth ride by in the carriage.
3. Many youngsters belong to the Future farmers of America.
6. Martin Luther King, Jr., won the nobel Peace Prize.
7. May I belong to the girl Scouts of America?
8. I visited the Washington monument in Washington, D.C.
9. Have you read the book, *The celery Stalks at Midnight?*
10. The courthouse is on century Boulevard.
12. My next spelling test is friday.
14. I once drove through kansas.

Use the proofreading mark to show which letters should be capitals in the following sentences.



1. We visited the top of the gateway arch in st. louis, missouri.
2. It was general george washington who led the army of colonists.
3. One of our symbols of freedom is the liberty bell in philadelphia.
4. If you love dogs, read the book, *where the red fern grows*.
5. The oldest national park is yellowstone national park in wyoming.