



LOOK! Use an apostrophe here

Don't let **GRAMMAR GRUBS** spoil your writing!

GRAMMAR GRUB TIPSHEET NO.1

it's
is short for
it is
and less commonly,
it has
AND THAT IS ALL IT'S USED FOR!



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ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GRAMMAR GRUBS

its
*is a word that goes before a noun (or a noun phrase).
E.g. Its fur, its red door.
*means *belonging to it.*
* does NOT use an apostrophe.
*is a possessive adjective.
POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES
my your our their his her its

IT'S NOT EASY FOR A CAT.

It's easy!



his nose

It's beyond me!

her nose

NO APOSTROPHE HERE

its nose

Not sure? Just think:
Would "IT IS" or "IT HAS" work in my sentence?
If yes, use **IT'S**. If no, use **ITS**.

EXAMPLES OF ITS

Its wings are blue.
Its fur is very soft.
The car is missing **its** wheels.

EXAMPLES OF IT'S

It's (it is) a butterfly with blue wings.
It's (it is) a very soft pony.
It's (it has) been raining all day.