

Its and It's

The words 'its' and 'it's' mean two different things.

its ⇒ This means 'belonging to it'. ⇒ The crab hid in its shell.

it's ⇒ This means 'it is' or 'it has'. ⇒ It's time to go home.

- 1 Tick the boxes next to the sentences which use 'its' or 'it's' correctly.

The kangaroo carried its new baby.

It's nice to sing carols at Christmas.

The station sounded its alarm.

Its taken forever to do this painting.

It's good to have cereal for breakfast.

I love pasta because its easy to cook.



- 2 Add apostrophes to the underlined words below, if they are needed.

The dragon sat on its gold and blew a ring of smoke.

We need to return the alien, but its home is far away.

If I go to the shops, will you call me when it's ready?

After hours of waiting, the bird came out of its egg.

It's been so nice to see you.



- 3 Draw lines to join the sentences to the correct meaning of 'its' or 'it's'.

It's been tiring.

it is

belonging to it

It's massive!

Its paw is muddy.

it has

- 4 Draw a line to match each sentence to 'its' or 'it's'.

Oh dear, ? not going well.

This week, ? been very wet.

The church rang ? bells.

? Thursday today.

The bank lost all ? money.

I don't like this because ? tea.

The bird has built ? nest.



- 5 Write 'its' or 'it's' to complete the sentences below.

It's been a wonderful holiday.

I love rugby because it's fun.

The lizard flicked its tongue.

Its eyes shone like stars.

It's so nice to be home at last.

The goat looked at its horns.



Find an article in a newspaper or magazine. Copy down three phrases that contain 'its' and three phrases that contain 'it's'.

Commas After Fronted Adverbials



A fronted adverbial is an adverbial phrase at the beginning of a sentence. You need to put a comma after a fronted adverbial.

Last year, I moved house. ← Fronted adverbials usually tell you when or where something happens.

They can also tell you how or how often something happens: → Every day, I walk the dog.

- 1 Tick the sentences which use commas in the correct places. Cross the sentences which use commas in incorrect places.

Behind the sofa, the cat is sleeping.

In the, autumn, the leaves turn red.

Despite the weather, we went, for a walk.

In the 1970s, flared trousers were popular.



- 2 There are four commas missing from the text below. Write in the commas in the correct places.

Flapjack Instructions

- In a large pan, melt the butter and syrup.
- After that, stir in the oats.
- With a wooden spoon, put the mixture into a baking tin and then put it in the oven.
- After 30 minutes, take the flapjacks out.



- 3 Rewrite the sentences with commas in the correct places.

Halfway down the road she saw a cat.

Halfway down the road, she saw a cat.

At the wedding there was a massive cake.

At the wedding, there was a massive cake.

After a long wait the bus finally arrived.

After a long wait, the bus finally arrived.

- 4 Each of these sentences is missing one comma. Add one comma to each sentence to make it correct.

In Medieval England, many nobles lived in castles.

After that five-hour walk, I'm exhausted!

Every year, the drama group puts on a play.

In the flat next door, there's a lady with pink hair.

- 5 Write your own sentences using the adverbial phrases below. Remember to use commas in the correct places.

A week ago, I turned nine.

Under my brother's bed, was a huge, scary monster.

After school, I walked home with my friends.



Write two sentences about a hobby. The first should say where you do it, and the second should say how often. Both should start with a fronted adverbial.