Using ***its*** and ***it’s***

When do we use ***its***? ***Its*** is a possessive adjective.

We use *its* when the noun belongs to someone or something.

E.g.

The cat drank ***the cat’s*** milk.

The cat drank ***its*** milk.

The milk belongs to the cat.

What about *it’s*? This is shortened form of it is.

We use *it’s* when you can replace *it is* or *it has.*

E.g.

***It is*** very cold today!

***It’s*** very cold today!

For each of the following sentences, fill in the gaps with the correct word.

E.g. My dad says it’s very cold today.

1. The dog ran away because ………………..collar came loose.
2. The robber broke into the car and stole …………. contents.
3. Hurry up, ……………….. nearly time for school!
4. …………………….. my sister who has won the competition, not my brother.
5. The house lost …………………….. roof during the storm.
6. Brush your teeth, ………………………… bedtime.
7. ……………………….. about time you learned to ride a bicycle!
8. The library lost ……………………….. books in the fire.
9. I can’t go out because ……………………… raining.
10. The cow is happy eating ……………….. grass

Answers: 1= its, 2= its, 3= it’s, 4= It’s, 5 = its, 6= it’s, 7 = It’s, 8= its, 9=, it’s, 10= its

Extension: Try and write 4 sentences of your own.

Two sentences with *its* used correctly.

Two sentences with it’s used correctly.