



It's versus Its

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<p><b>Invitation to Notice</b></p> <p>“The sun and rain had long since faded its rickety frame siding from white to a sullen gray.”-Eugenia W. Collier, <i>Marigolds</i></p> <p>“Look up in the sky! It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s Superman!” –Jerry Siegel/DC Comics, <i>Superman</i></p> <p>“You don’t get a buzzing-noise like that, just buzzing and buzzing, without its meaning something.” – A.A. Milne, <i>Winnie the Pooh</i></p> <p><b>Points to Emphasize:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an apostrophe in the contraction “it’s” meaning “it is.”</li> <li>• There is no apostrophe in “its” because it is used in the possessive. Something is belonging to someone or something</li> </ul>	<p><b>Invitation to Compare, Contrast, and Imitate</b></p> <p>Students should insert the appropriate it’s or its in the blanks.</p> <p>The sun and rain had long since faded ___ rickety frame siding from white to a sullen gray.</p> <p>___ a bird! ___ a plane! ___ Superman!</p> <p>You don’t get a buzzing noise like that, just buzzing and buzzing, without ___ meaning something.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>The sun and rain had long since faded <b>its</b> rickety frame siding from white to a sullen gray.</p> <p><b>It’s</b> a bird! <b>It’s</b> a plane! <b>It’s</b> Superman!</p> <p>You don’t get a buzzing noise like that, just buzzing and buzzing, without <b>its</b> meaning something.</p>	<p><b>Invitation to Revise</b></p> <p>Revise the following sentences using the appropriate it’s or its in the second sentence.</p> <p>Look at that car. The tire is flat.</p> <p>The painting on your wall is beautiful. The painting is amazing!</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <p>Look at that car. Its tire is flat.</p> <p>The painting on your wall is beautiful. It’s amazing!</p> <p><b>Extension:</b></p> <p>“Hand in hand we come Christopher Robin and I To lay this book in your lap. Say you’re surprised? Say you like it? Say <b>the book is</b> what you wanted? Because <b>the book is</b> yours – Because we love you.”-A.A. Milne, <i>Winnie the Pooh</i></p>	<p><b>Invitation to Edit</b></p> <p><b>What’s wrong?</b></p> <p><b>The sun and rain had long since faded its rickety frame from white to a sullen gray.</b></p> <p>The Sun and rain had long since faded its rickety frame from white to a sullen gray. (<i>capitalization error</i>)</p> <p>The sun, and rain had long since faded its rickety frame from white to a sullen gray. (<i>comma error</i>)</p> <p>The sun and rain had long since faded it’s rickety frame from white to a sullen gray. (<i>no apostrophe needed in its</i>)</p> <p>The sun and reign had long since faded its rickety frame from white to a sullen gray. (<i>spelling error</i>)</p>	<p><b>Invitation to Write (Assessment)</b></p> <p>Write a short passage about something from nature or the universe: the moon, the ocean, a flower, the woods, etc. using it’s two times and its two times.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>The ocean is my favorite place, because it’s calming for me. I love the amazing sound of its waves crashing against the shore. It’s exciting to find seashells and interesting rocks on the sand. Its treasures seem infinite.</p>

