

~~It's~~ ~~Its~~ Confusing!

You can say, "It is."

- **it's** = a contraction meaning "it is": Look at my guppy; it's sick.

You CANNOT say, "It is."

- **its** = a possessive pronoun: Its fins are not moving.

You can say, "You are."

- **you're** = a contraction meaning "you are": You're not supposed to pet my guppy.

You CANNOT say, "You are."

- **your** = a possessive pronoun: Get your hands off my guppy!

- **they're** = a contraction meaning "they are": Look at the eyes. They're glossing over.

You can say, "They are."

You CANNOT say, "They are."

- **their** = a possessive pronoun: When did their cat play with my guppy?

- **there** = an adverb: Put my guppy in there and then flush.

You can say, "Who is."

- **who's** = a contraction meaning "who is": Who's going to give the eulogy?

You CANNOT say, "Who is."

- **whose** = a possessive pronoun: Whose turn is it to buy a new guppy?

Strange Fact! When you make most NOUNS possessive, you add an apostrophe and an "s," like this: Luke's guppy.

However, when you make most PRONOUNS possessive, you do not use an apostrophe. You simply add an "s," like this: yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs, whose.

