

QEP Grammar Extravaganza: “Battle of the Vs.”



Their vs. They're vs. There

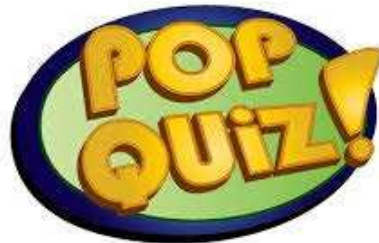
- **Their** = more than one person possesses something
 - They shook their heads.
 - Their cars were damaged yesterday.
- **They're** = “they are” = more than one person is doing something
 - They're talking.
 - I don't know if they're home.
- **There** = a place
 - Sit it down right there.
 - There is my phone.
- **Their, they're, and there:**
 - They're going in there to get their vitals checked.



Let's Practice!

Fill in the blank with either *their*, *they're*, or *there*:

1. They didn't wash _____ hands.
2. _____ about to go to the hospital.
3. Go see what _____ doing.
4. _____ are more than 1,700 Chatham County residents enrolled in assistance for health insurance under the federal Affordable Care Act.



Those vs. These

- Those = object far from the speaker (picture someone pointing)
 - Those are not my earrings.
 - I've never seen those in my life.
- These = objects close to the speaker (picture someone holding items up)
 - These are my earrings.
 - I've seen these before.



More Practice!

- Write a sentence using “their.”
- Write a sentence using “there.”
- Write a sentence using “they’re.”
- Write a sentence using “their” and “there.”
- Write a sentence using all three.



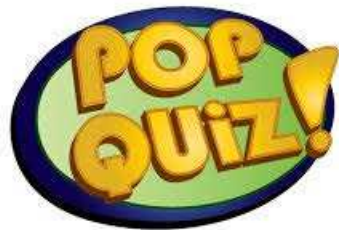
Who's vs. Whose

- **Who's** = a contraction of “who is” or “who has”
 - Who's coming with me?
 - Bob, who's usually prompt, is late.
- **Whose** = the possessive form of who or which
 - Whose computer is this?
 - Bob, whose record is outstanding, is late.

Let's Practice!

Fill in the blank with either *who's* or *whose*.

- _____ left their shoes in the doorway again?
- I'm not sure _____ coming to the workshop.
- Paul is the one _____ working the hardest.
- “_____ stolen my wallet?” he shouted.
- I would like to know _____ comments these are.



Q&A

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Answers

Its vs. It's

- Its = a pronoun used to show possession of the word it
 - Each company has its own budget.
 - The dodo bird is known for its inability to fly.
- It's = a contraction of "it is"
 - It's a bird!
 - I was told that it's required.



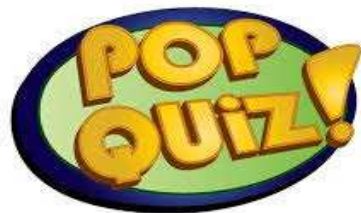
Who vs. Whom

- Who = a pronoun that refers to the subject of the sentence
 - Subjects do an action
 - Who won the race?
 - I'm the one who walks the dog.
- Whom = a pronoun that refers to the object of the sentence
 - Objects receive an action
 - Whom do I love?
 - We want to know on whom the prank was pulled.

Who vs.
Whom.

Let's Practice!

- I haven't read it, but I heard its/it's good.
- Its/It's over.
- The government has lost its/it's way.
- To who/whom did you send the letter.
- I have no idea who/whom was standing there.
- With who/whom will she be going to the ball?
- I can't think who/whom might have done such a thing.



Lay vs. Lie vs. Laying

- **Lay = to put something down**
 - Lay the book on the table.
 - I was told to lay the bag in the chair.
- **Laid = the past tense of lay**
 - I laid the phone on the table.
 - Sam laid the paper clips on the desk.
- **Laying = the present participle of lay.**
 - I'm laying the folder on the counter.
 - Stay laying the bowls in the sink.

Lay vs. Lie vs. Laying

- **Lie = to rest or recline**
 - I'm going to lie down for a minute.
 - The dog loves to lie in Dad's recliner.
- **Lay = the past tense of lie**
 - Yesterday, I lay in my bed all day.
 - The cat lay on the windowsill.
- **Lying = the present participle of lie**
 - Charlie is lying on the floor.
 - Quit lying on my bearskin rugs.

Let's Practice

- Please lay/lie the bag on the counter.
- Please **lay** the bag on the counter.
- Mrs. Hall lied/laid her papers on the podium.
- Mrs. Hall **laid** her papers on the podium.
- She has been laying/lying on the couch all day.
- She has been **lying** on the couch all day.
- Yesterday, I mostly lie/lay in bed.
- Yesterday, I mostly **lie** in bed.

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