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example 1: The dog ate its bone. (The bone belongs to the dog)
           The word its is the contraction for the words it is or it has.

example 2: It’s (It is) a beautiful day today!
           It’s (It has) been a long trip.

Write the correct word (its or it’s) in each sentence.

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2. Sally announced, “__________ Maria’s birthday today!”
3. Dad doesn’t think __________ a good idea to play outside today.
4. When do you think __________ going to rain?
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