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Punctuation Practice

Its and It's



Choosing between 'its' and 'it's' can be a tricky one.

These tiny words sound the same and look very similar which often leads to them being muddled up.

The major difference between them is the addition of an apostrophe – which you are all experts on after our last Literacy Focus!

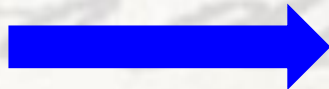
'It's' (with an apostrophe)

'It's' means 'it is' or 'it has'

The word 'it's' with an apostrophe is always short for 'it is' or 'it has'.

The apostrophe is used to show that letters have been missed out.

It is raining today.



It's raining today.

It has been a great day.



It's been a great day.

'Its' (without an apostrophe)

'Its' shows that something belongs to 'it'

The word 'its' without an apostrophe is shows possession – something belongs to 'it'.

The captain
belongs to the ship.

The ship lost its captain.

The beast turned to show its face.

The face belongs to
the beast.

How to check...

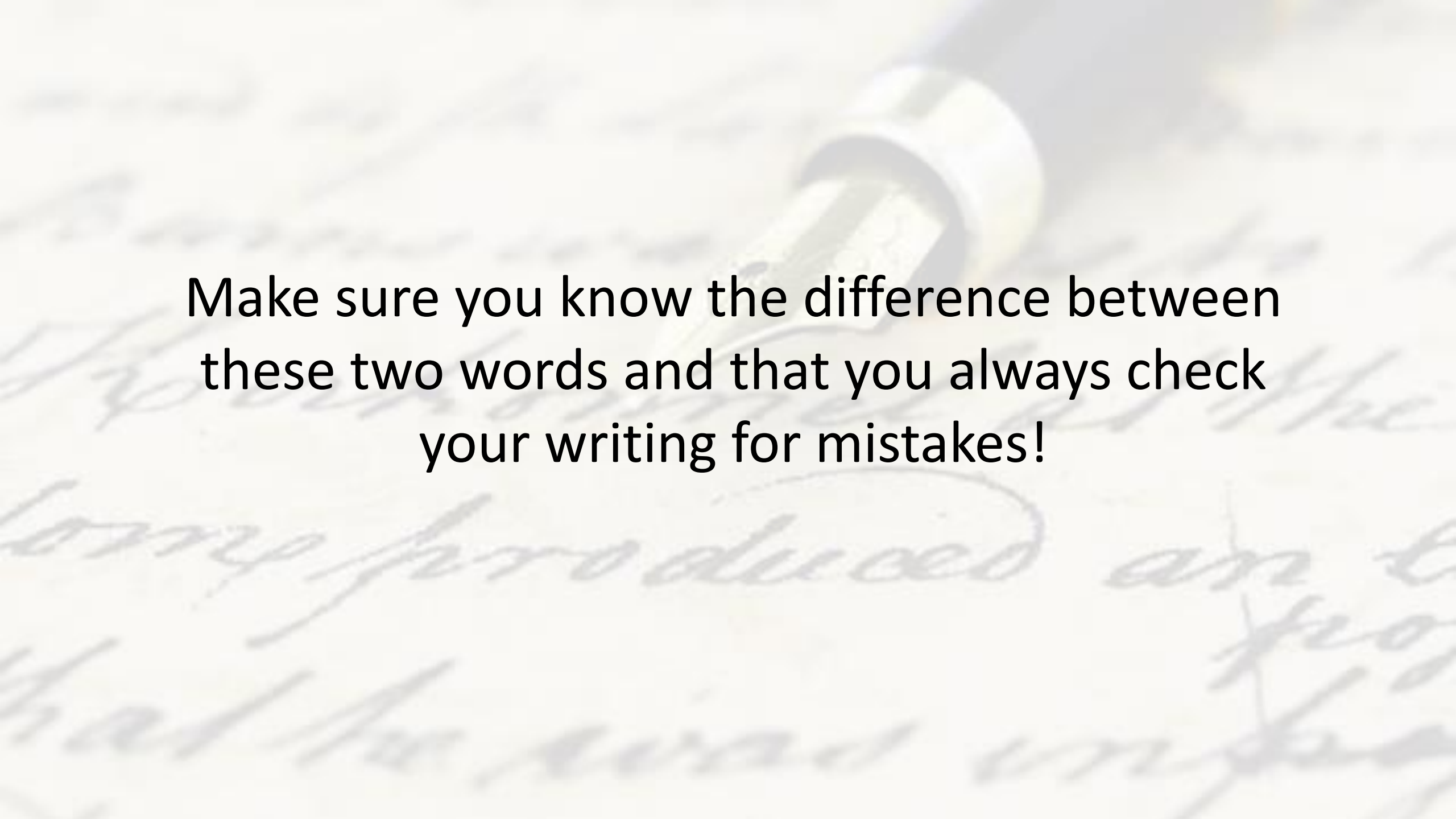
If you're not sure whether to use 'its' or 'it's', try replacing the word with 'it is' or 'it has' to see if the sentence still makes sense.

The tiger stalked its prey.

The tiger stalked it is prey.

If neither of them fit, 'its' is correct.

The tiger stalked it has prey.

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a fountain pen nib resting on a piece of paper. The paper is covered in cursive handwriting, which is out of focus. The pen nib is the central focus, with its gold-colored body and silver-colored tip visible. The lighting is soft, creating a gentle glow around the pen.

Make sure you know the difference between
these two words and that you always check
your writing for mistakes!

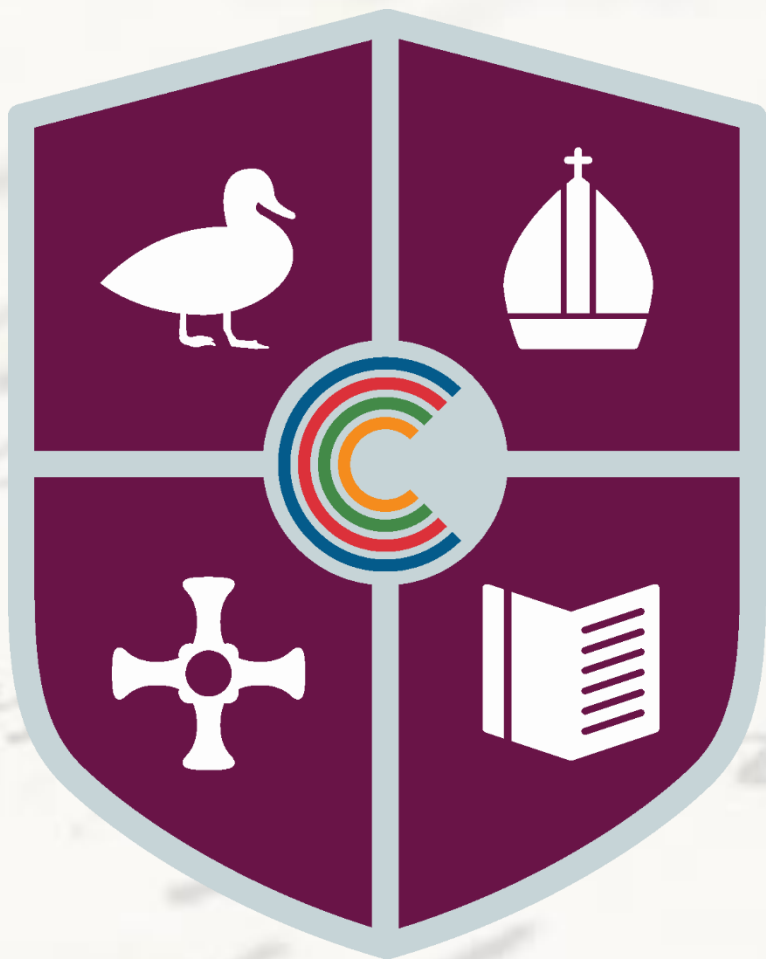


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