QEP Grammar Extravaganza:
“Battle of the Vs.”

Today, we’ll learn the distinction between commonly misused words.
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

You have Questions
We have 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.
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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