**WORD CHOICE – EXERCISE 13: ITS AND IT’S**

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—its or it’s. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. As strawberry ice cream dribbled down the cone and over his hand, Jerry complained, “_______ so hot out here that my tongue can’t keep up!”

2. The frozen cappuccino sat forgotten on the table. _______ sweating cup formed a ring on the polished wood.

3. The cockroaches and ants are very happy since _______ been over a week since Tommy has washed dishes or taken out the trash.

4. _______ obvious that Professor Grayson hates us. She wouldn’t keep assigning 150 pages of reading for every class if she liked us!

5. Just as Jackie was completing the last question on the essay test, her pen ran out of ink; _______ ball point dug into the paper but left no words.

6. When the realtor unlocked the door of the old house, Beverly and Bill gasped in disappointment, for _______ floor undulated with warped wood.

7. Francisco decided against a golden retriever puppy as _______ thick coat of long fur would be a vacuuming nightmare.

8. “_______ all over,” announced the lone race official as Veronica crossed the finish line five hours after the winning runner.
9. We assume that our neighbor’s orange tomcat is off on a feline adventure. ________ been a week since we’ve found paw prints on the hoods of our cars.

10. Malinda spooned yogurt into her mouth, savoring ________ cool, creamy blueberry flavor.

11. “Be careful when you close that notebook,” warned Michael. “_______ rings will snap right through your finger!”

12. “_______ time you found a summer job,” Mom declared as she pushed Sonny’s feet from the coffee table and turned off the television.

13. ________ not too late for Ricardo to pass his chemistry class. He just needs to give his attention to Dr. Wilson instead of flirting with Josephine, his pretty lab partner.

14. “_______ been seven years since I’ve seen you!” squealed Sophia when she spied Jerome thumping cantaloupes in the produce section.

15. Clive held the comic book under a magnifying glass, studying ________ spine and corners. He looked for flaws that would help him negotiate a better price.

16. Kay hates to find grapes in her salad as ________ too difficult to stab them with a plastic fork.

17. Opening the door with ________ nose, the puppy entered the bathroom to steal another roll of toilet paper.

18. “_______ either buttered squid tentacles or braised frog legs for dinner,” Mom announced.

19. The octopus tested the cooler lid with a tentacle, planning ________ escape off the pier.
20. The old car struggled up the steep hill, _______ engine sputtering and choking with the effort.