

Possessive Adjectives



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are a part of speech that *modifies a noun by attributing possession* (or sense of belonging) to someone or something.

Possessive Adjectives are usually used to describe a noun and it comes before it, like other adjectives, to *show possession*:

My car is bigger than ***her*** car.

Please wash ***your*** hands.



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Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives
I	my
you	your
he	his
she	her
it	its
we	our
they	their

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Possessive Adjectives are sometimes confused with possessive pronouns.

Possessive pronouns are *used instead of a noun*.

Possessive adjectives are *used to describe a noun and show possession*.

Person	Pronoun	Adjective
1st singular	mine	my
2nd	yours	your
3rd (female)	hers	her
3rd (male)	his	his
3rd (neutral)	its	its
1st plural	ours	our
3rd plural	theirs	their

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Remember:

There are no apostrophes in possessive pronouns and adjectives.

The dog wagged its tail.

“It's” is not a possessive pronoun or adjective - it means “it is”:

It's not my dog.





Practice

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My name is Anita. I'm 20 years old. I am a student. _____

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brother is a student, too. _____ name is Andrew. He is _____ favorite

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brother. I have a mother and a father. They are in Los Angeles. _____

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last name is Armstrong. _____ father is 53 years old. _____

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name is Robert. _____ mother is 48 years old. _____ name is Olivia.

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They have a house. _____ house is small. They also have a cat.

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_____ name is Spot. I have four brothers and two sisters. _____ family is big

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and happy!

Practice

In Groups of 3 or 4 students:

Write a paragraph describing your groups interests and hobbies.

Talk about music, sports, food, hobbies.

My friends are Bird and Jae.

Our band is called "Kisses".

Her sister is a dancer.

Our music is like Lady Gaga.

This is ***their*** soccer ball.

