

Possessive Adjectives & Possessive Pronouns

Talking about relationships

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Pronoun subject	Pronoun object	Possessive adjectives	Possessive pronouns
I	me	my	mine
You	you	your	yours
We	us	our	ours
They	them	their	theirs
He	him	his	his
She	her	her	hers
It	it	its	-

Explanation

- Possessive pronouns and adjectives are two different ways to show possession in English.
- First, let's start with the structure:

Possessive Adjective + Noun

○ Examples:

My dog is big.

Her cat is brown.

Their sister works downtown.

Possessive Pronouns

- ◉ *Possessive Pronoun* = *possessive adjective* + *noun*

Examples:

The dog is *mine*.

The brown cat is *hers*.

The car is *ours*.

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- ⦿ Possessive adjectives go before the noun and possessive pronouns go after the noun.
 - ⦿ Here are some examples:

This is **my** car. The car is **mine**.

Is that **your** pen ? Is that pen **yours**?

Using Possessive Pronouns and Adjectives

- ⦿ A possessive pronoun is used instead of a noun:
Julie's car is red. **Mine** is blue.
- ⦿ A possessive adjective is usually used to describe a noun, and it comes before it, like other adjectives: **My** car is bigger than **her** car.

Choose whether each sentence requires
a **possessive adjective** or a **possessive pronoun**:

1. Is that your notebook or (*my / mine*)?
2. I don't like (*their / theirs*) apartment.
3. That's not my problem. It's (*yours / your*).

4. Your car is green, while (*my / mine*) is black.

5. Isn't (*their / theirs*) son older than you?

6. A friend of (*our / ours*) called.

7. A friend of (*her / hers*) brother's called

8. He's (*our / ours*) doctor.

9. That's (*our / ours*) house, not theirs.

10. Is he a friend of (*your / yours*)?

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Fill in mine, yours, his, hers, ...

1. Is that your bike? No, _____ is at home.

2. Is that blue bike Jane's? No, _____ is yellow.

3. Is that the Coopers' car? No, _____ is red.

4. Is that brown sweater Andy's?

Yes, it's _____ .

5. Is that Carol's phone number?

No, _____ is 7031006.

6. Are these your dogs?

Yes, they are _____ .

7. Is that your sister's friend?

Yes, he is _____ .

8. These are my CDs, Tom!

But where are _____ ?

9. We wash our car every week.

Do you wash _____ every week, too?

10. Are these Peter's children?

No, _____ are at school.

11. Is that our train?

No, _____ arrives in 15 minutes.

12. I did my homework.

Did you do _____, too?

13. Do you know the Smiths' children's names?

Yes, _____ are Susan and Jill.

14. Where is your mobile phone?

_____ is at home.

15. Did they sell their car?

Yes, Christopher bought _____ .

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES AND PRONOUNS

1. Tom is English, and _____ parents are English.

2. Excuse me, is this pencil _____, Kevin?
No, it isn't. I don't know whose it is.

3. What colour is the cat's hair?
_____ hair is white and grey.

4. We are Slovenian, and _____ parents are Slovenian, too.

5. The pen must be Alice's. I'm sure it's _____.

6. Jane and Susan are from New York, and _____ parents are from New York.

7. What colour is my new car? Guess.

Oh, _____ car is red.

8. What colour are your eyes, Ann?

_____ eyes are dark brown.

9. Is that your and Mary's house?

No, _____ is in the next street.

10. Betty lives in London, and _____ brother lives there, too.

11. Is that your father's and mother's garden?
No, it isn't _____. It belongs to my uncle.

Fill in with correct possessives

● *ours/ our/ yours / your/ theirs / their*

Policeman: Good evening , sir. Good evening, madam.
Is this your car?

Mr. Smith: No, it isn't _____ .

_____ car is that blue one over there.

Mrs. Smith: Isn't this the Browns' car, Peter?

_____ car is green.

Mr. Smith : No, Mary. This car is new.

_____ is old.

Policeman: Well, thank you both for _____
assistance.

By the way, if that blue car is
_____, you've parked it illegally!

Mrs. Smith : Oh, no!

More Practice

' Kevin, Sandy, Mike are with me!

They're very thirsty!

Which ones are _____ glasses? '

' Kevin's is blue, _____ is purple.

Sandy's is orange and the baby's little plastic one is pink.

The yellow one must be _____ glass, then ...'

'Mommy, Patrick has used _____
toothbrush again... And I don't want to
take _____.

Do you have a guest's to give me for now,
please? Mom, you'll have to buy new ones,
and we'll stick to the same colours.

Please, Patrick, remember that _____ will
always be blue and Mom's red. Dad and I
will know how to find _____.'

Complete the letter

Dear Maria,

I saw _____ advertisement for a pen friend on the internet and decided to write to _____.

_____ name's Emma, and I'm from Oxford in

England. As you know, Oxford is famous for

_____ university.

Complete the letter

There are a lot of students and tourists here.

_____ live with _____ family.

I have a younger brother. _____ name is Tim.

_____ plays football, and sometimes I play

with _____. I also have a sister. _____ is

a student in London, so we only see each other at

weekends.

Complete the letter

I love all kinds of sports, music and travelling.

This summer, I am going to the south of Spain.

_____ parents have some friends there, and

_____ have invited all of _____ to stay

with _____ in _____ villa.

Complete the letter

Well, I've told _____ a little about
_____ life. I hope you'll write and tell me
about _____.

Jane

Last Practice

● Possessive adjectives

1. Where's Lucia ? - Is she in _____ room ?

No, she isn't. - She's with Akiro.

2. She must be in _____ room.

3. Have you got Walkman with you ? I don't have

_____ .

4. It's Mr. Young's key.- It's _____ key.

5. We've got a problem.- It's _____ problem.

6. Stephan has got a problem.- It's _____
problem.

7. I've got a dog outside. - It's _____ dog.

8. The Young's have got a garden.- It's _____
garden.

9. It's Mr. and Mrs. Young's house. - It's _____
house.