



Lecture: three

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Possessive adjectives (1)

✚ I have a new car . It is ^{my} car .

A possessive adjective describes who owns something.

► We place possessive adjective **before** the noun .

- **My** is a possessive adjective

- **My** is the first person singular.

I own the car.

There are 8 possessive adjectives . I will teach you them all in this Lecture:

Possessive adjectives(2)

“Hello Mark. Is that your telephone?”

- **Your** is the second person singular . You own the telephone.
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Important

- **You're** is not a possessive adjective. I like **you're** telephone. **x**
 - **You're** is the contracted form of **you are**. I like **your** telephone. **✓**
 - **You're** is the contracted form of **you are**. **You're** a good teacher. **✓**
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Possessive adjectives(3)

John has a new computer .It is **his** computer.

His is the third person singular (male). **He** owns the computer.

Possessive adjectives(4)

- Sara has a new ring . It is **her** ring.
- **Her** is the third person singular (female). She owns the ring

Possessive adjectives(5)

- Here is a house . **Its** door green.
- **Its** is the third person singular (neuter).It has a green door.

we use **its** to describe characteristics of objects or animals.
Exception: if the animal a family pet , we use **his** or **her**.

Important

- The possessive adjective **its** does Not have an apostrophe.
 - **its** and it's are pronounced the same but they are very different :
 - **it's** is the contracted form of **it is** or **it has**. **Its** is a possessive adjective.
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| • It's a beautiful house.✓ | it's door is green .✗ |
| • It's fallen on the floor.✓ | its door is green.✓ |

Possessive adjectives(6)

- “we have a new sofa . It’s **our** sofa.”
- **Our** is the first person plural . We own the sofa .

Possessive adjectives(7)

- we have a new dog . It’s **your** dog .
- **our** is the second person plural. you own the dog.

Possessive adjectives(8)

- They have a new television .It is **their** television .
 - **their** is the third person plural .
- They own the television.
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Important

There is not a possessive adjective. I like **there** television .✗

I like **their** television .✓

There is an adverb of place .

I am going **there** tomorrow.✓

In English, **possessive adjectives** agree with the **person** who owns object.

In English, **possessive adjectives** do Not agree with the noun .

Satuation:

Jane has some keys . I lost the keys.

possessive adjective:

I lost **her** keys. ✓

I lost **hers** keys. ✗

I lost **his** keys. ✗

I lost **their** keys. ✗

<u>number</u>	<u>person</u>	<u>gender</u>	<u>personal pronoun</u>	<u>possessive adjective</u>
singular	first person	male / female	I	→ my
	second person	male / female	you	→ your
	third person	male	he	→ his
		female	she	→ her
		neuter	it	→ its
plural	first person	male / female	we	→ our
	second person	male / female	you	→ your
	third person	male / female /neuter	they	→ their

Exercise

Replace the personal pronouns with the correct possessive adjective:

Example:

David hates (he) his New job.

1) (I) My friend is going to the cinema.

2) What time does (we) our train arrive?

3) Where is (you) your telephone?

4) (she) her nails are beautiful.

5) I am going to the library with (you) your brothers.

6) Jane doesn't like (they) their new house.

7) We don't know (he) his father .

8) I don't like (I) my new computer because (it) its screen is too small.