



Possessive Pronouns and Adjectives

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Exercise 1 – Learning

The most basic way to show possession is to add an -'s to a noun: **noun** + 's.

Ex: Lisa and Lisa's dog.

If someone's name ends in an 's', you can either add a -'s' or leave out the extra 's':

- "Charles' dog" or "Charles's dog" (*Both are correct*)

Typical plural nouns end in 's' (boys, girls, dogs, etc.). To say that something belongs to more than one person or thing, simply add **an apostrophe**:

- The dogs that belong to the boys = the boys' dogs

If you want to **focus on the thing instead of the owner**, you can say the object first:

- This is Peter's house. → This house is Peter's.
- This is Lisa's dog. → This dog is Lisa's.



Possessive adjectives

Possessive adjectives are adjectives that tell us whom something belongs to.

Instead of repeating the owners' names, we can use possessive adjectives, such as '**his**' and '**her**':

- Lisa and Lisa's dog. → Lisa and **her** dog.
- Charles and Charles' dog. → Charles and **his** dog.

- I → **my**
- you → **your**
- he → **his**
- she → **her**
- it → **its**
- we → **our**
- they → **their**



Possessive pronouns

Pronouns replace nouns (names of people, places, and things). Possessive pronouns replace the names of owners.

- This dog is Lisa's. → This dog is **hers**.
- This dog is Charles's. → This dog is **his**.

We replace "Lisa's" and "Charles's" with '**hers**' and '**his**'. Unlike possessive adjectives, possessive pronouns are **not** followed by a noun.

- my → **mine**
- your → **yours**
- his → **his**
- her → **hers**
- our → **ours**
- their → **theirs**

Tip: Most possessive pronouns are simply the possessive adjectives with an 's' added.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. This is _____ car.

- a) my
- b) mine

2. This car is _____.

- a) my
- b) mine

3. I'm driving _____ children to school.

- a) hers
- b) her

4. These keys are _____.

- a) hers
- b) her



5. A thief is robbing _____ house.

- a) their
- b) theirs

6. The house is _____.

- a) their
- b) theirs

7. This bathroom is all _____. We don't use it.

- a) your
- b) yours

8. You are welcome to come to _____ house.

- a) our
- b) ours



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: These are her burgers. → These burgers are hers.

Content:

1. That's Peter's backpack.
2. This is Charles' pen.
3. This is Lisa's and Peter's table.
4. That is his cat.
5. Those are my glasses.
6. These are their shoes.