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**GRAMMAR** 

# Using possessive pronouns

**LEVEL**Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER** EN\_A2\_1073G **LANGUAGE** 

English



# **Learning outcomes**

 I can identify the possessive pronouns and determiners in English.

 I can use possessive pronouns and determiners accurately in a sentence.





## Warm-up



In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions below.

# Think of a special object that you own.

Where did you get it?
How long have you had it?
What makes it special to you?







# **Review of personal pronouns**

The personal pronoun is different depending on whether it's the **subject** or **object** of a sentence.

**Complete** the table below.

Subject pronoun	Object pronoun
I am from the United States.	This story is about
You looked so pretty in your new dress.	I'm not talking to <b>you</b> !
can play the piano.	The piano belongs to <b>her</b> .
<b>He</b> usually travels to work by bus.	The bus driver knows
<b>We</b> can see the musicians.	They cannot see
<b>They</b> are writing a letter.	I am writing <b>them</b> a letter.



The subject and object pronouns are the same in the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **person** (*you*).





# **Review of possessive pronouns**

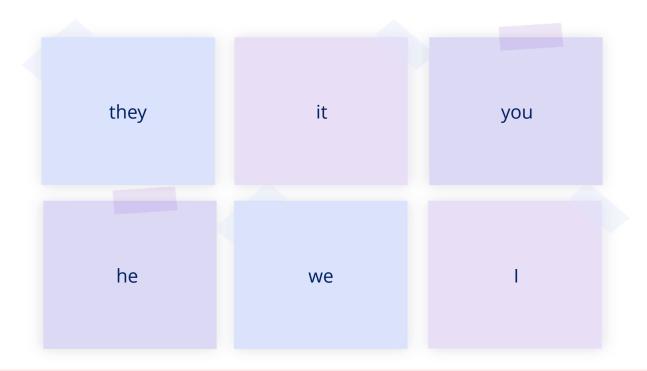
- Possessive pronouns show that something belongs to someone.
- They are used as **nouns**.

Subject pronoun	Possessive pronoun	Example
		This book is <b>mine</b> .
you	yours	The blue pen is <b>yours.</b>
he, she, it	his, hers, its	Which papers are hers?
we	ours	This house is
they	theirs	That house is <b>theirs.</b>





# What's the possessive pronoun?



For each pronoun above, say the **possessive pronoun** 





# Transform the sentences using possessive pronouns

1	I bought the blue cup.	>	The blue cup is mine.
2	<b>We</b> live in that purple house.	>	
3	She has a puppy.	>	
4	<b>They</b> have oat milk in the fridge.	>	
5	<b>We</b> don't own the computers. They belong to the company.	>	
6	The trainers belong to <b>Max</b> .	>	

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# Describe the picture using a possessive pronoun











# **Possessive determiners**

**Read** the explanation. **Compare** the examples of possessive pronouns and determiners.

- Possessive determiners are used as adjectives (they describe a noun).
- The possessive pronoun and determiner *his* and *its* are the same.

possessive pronoun	possessive determiner
This book is <b>mine</b> .	This is <b>my book</b> .
Which house is <b>yours</b> ?	Which is <b>your house</b> ?
These papers are <b>hers/his</b> .	These are <b>her/his papers</b> .
This tent is <b>ours</b> .	This is <b>our tent</b> .
That car is <b>theirs</b> .	That's <b>their car</b> .





# My car has a life of its own!

We use this phrase to say that an object seems to be 'alive' – to act or do things without our help.

In the example above, it could mean that the car doesn't do what its driver wants it to do!





# **Transform the sentences**

**Transform** the sentences using a **possessive determiner**.

1	That meal is <u>mine</u> .	>	That's <u><b>my</b></u> meal.
2	Those shoes are <u>hers</u> .	>	
3	That jacket is <u>his</u> .	>	
4	That house belongs to <u>them</u> .	>	
5	Which book is <u>yours</u> ?	>	
6	She isn't a friend of <u>mine</u> .	>	
7	He is an old student of <u>hers</u> .	>	
8	That car is <u>theirs</u> .	>	





# **Practise using possessive determiners**

**Compare** yourself with people you know, using these categories. Use the examples to help you.

(My mother and I)  $\rightarrow$  My hair is brown and curly. Her hair is blonde and straight. (My best friend and I)  $\rightarrow$  My apartment is small but cosy. His house is huge!



hair

job

house

pets



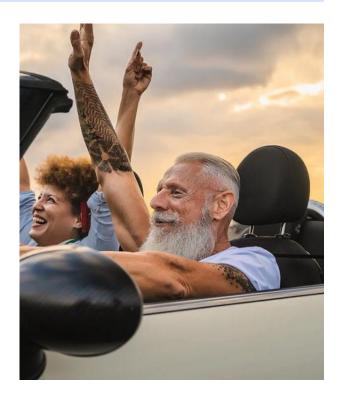


# Possession: different ways to say the same thing

- Possessive pronouns and determiners show that something belongs to you.
- We can also show possession using **verbs** like *have*, *own* and *belong to*.

Use a pronoun or determiner to complete the sentences.

It belongs to me.	It is
I have three cats.	These are my cats.
Those are her vegetables.	Those vegetables are 
The car belongs to him.	That's car.
We live in a large apartment.	That large apartment is







# **Overview of pronouns and determiners**

**Complete** the table below.

Subject pronoun	Object pronoun	Possessive pronoun	Possessive determiner
1	me		dog
you		yours	<b>your</b> house
		hers	<b>her</b> school
he	him		book
it		-	<b>its</b> name
we			<b>our</b> child
	them	theirs	house



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# **Multiple choice**

1	That movie is a favourite of			
	a. me	b. my	c. you	d. mine
2	I liketea	cher, but he gives too m	uch homework.	
	a. me	b. you	c. mine	d. my
3	You have the same mot	ther and father, so she is	s sister.	
	a. your	b. mine	c. yours	d. you
4	They cannot take that n	noney because it is not _		
	a. them	b. they	c. theirs	d. their



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# **Multiple choice**

1	We have	_ class in the new building.		
	a. us	b. we	c. our	d. ours
2	I turned my computer	off, but it turned itself ba	ack on! It has a life of	own.
	a. his	b. hers	c. its	d. it
3	If I know	_ birthday, l can figure oເ	ut how old you are.	
	a. the	b. yours	c. you	d. your
4	I like my coffee with mi	lk and sugar, but she like	es withou	t sugar.
	a. hers	b. the	c. she	d. her



# Find the possessive determiners

**Find** the possessive determiners in Amy's postcard to her friend Lisa.

Dear Lisa,

How are you? Our holiday in Spain is going well! I am traveling with my sister, too – it is her birthday tomorrow. We are meeting a friend of mine tomorrow. Until then, I am reading my new book on the beach!

See you, Amy



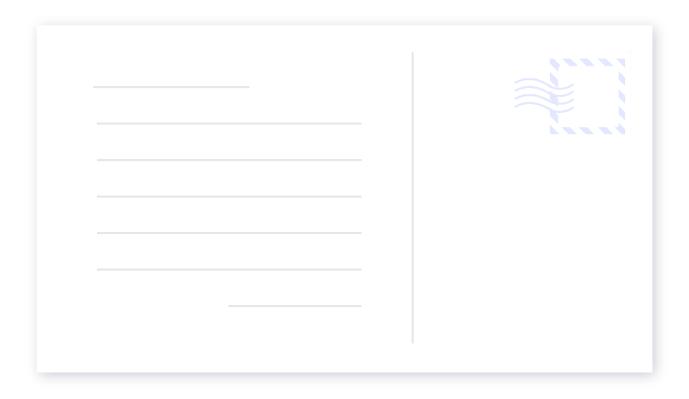




# Write a postcard

Imagine you are on holiday. Write a postcard to a friend about your experience.

Try to use possessive pronouns and determiners at least four times.





# Let's reflect!

 Can you identify the possessive pronouns and determiners in English?

Can you use possessive pronouns and determiners accurately in a sentence?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



# **End of the lesson**

### Idiom

Your guess is as good as mine.

**Meaning:** you do not know the answer to a question

### **Example:**

A: Do you know where Richard is?

B: Your guess is as good as mine.







# **Additional practice**



# **Complete the table**



she	hers	her
1		my
we	ours	
they		their
he		



# **Transform the sentences**



**Transform the sentences** using possessive determiners.

1	This newspaper belongs to me.	>	This is my newspaper.
2	Does this bicycle belong to you?	>	
3	This chair is mine.	>	
4	That beach is ours.	>	
5	That garden is theirs.	>	
6	Those chairs are his.	>	
7	These articles are yours.	>	
8	This cat belongs to you.	>	





### **Game: true or false?**



Write down answers to 1-10. Five answers should be true and five should be false.



- **1** Favourite place
- **2** Favourite hobby
- **3** Favourite film
- 4 Favourite food
- 5 Favourite drink

- **6** Favourite app
- **7** Favourite book
- **8** Favourite season
- **9** Favourite music
- **10** Favourite sport
- 1. Ask and answer questions with a partner: What's your favourite...? My favourite... is...
- 2. Guess whether they are lying or telling the truth. You get 1 point for every correct guess.
- 3. Write sentences about your partner's answers using the 3<sup>rd</sup> person.



# Answer key

### P.6:

they/theirs, it/its, you/yours, she/hers, we/ours, I/mine

### P.7:

1. That purple house is ours. 2. The puppy is hers. 3. The oat milk is theirs. 4. The computers aren't ours. 5. The trainers are his.

### **P.8**:

(Potential answers)

- 1. The red book is hers.
- 2. The dinosaur toys are his
- 3. This pizza is ours.
- 4.That house is theirs.

### P.11:

- 2. Those are her shoes.
- 3. That is his jacket.
- 4. That is their house.
- 5. Which is your book?
- 6. She isn't my friend.
- 7. He is her student.
- 8. That is their car.



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# **Answer key**

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P.13: 1. mine 3. hers 4. his 5. ours
P.14:
mine, my
you
she, her
his, his
it
us, ours
they, their
P.15:
1. D 2. D 3. A 4. C
P.16:
1. C 2. C 3. D 4. A
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# **Summary**

### **Reviewing personal pronouns**

- The personal pronoun depends on whether it refers to the **subject** or **object** of a sentence.
- **Subject pronouns:** *I; you; he; she; it; we; they*
- **Object pronouns:** *me; you; him; her; it; us; them*

### **Reviewing possessive pronouns:**

- Possessive pronouns show that something **belongs** to someone.
- They are used as **nouns**: *That book is mine.; The car is ours.*

### **Possessive determiners:**

- Possessive determiners are: *my; your; his; her; its; our; their.*
- They are used as **adjectives** and describe a **noun**: *That is my dog.*





# **Vocabulary**

to own

puppy

oat milk

tent

to belong





# **Notes**

