

GRAMMAR

# Using possessive pronouns

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

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**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 _____.
<b>You</b> 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
I	_____	This book is <b>mine</b> .
you	<b>yours</b>	The blue pen is <b>yours</b> .
he, she, it	<b>his, hers, its</b>	Which papers are <b>hers</b> ?
we	<b>ours</b>	This house is _____.
they	<b>theirs</b>	That house is <b>theirs</b> .



# What's the possessive pronoun?

they

it

you

he

we

I

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 We live in that purple house.



3 She has a puppy.



4 They have oat milk in the fridge.



5 We don't own the computers. They belong to the company.



6 The trainers belong to Max.





# 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 mine.



That's **my** meal.

2 Those shoes are hers.



\_\_\_\_\_

3 That jacket is his.



\_\_\_\_\_

4 That house belongs to them.



\_\_\_\_\_

5 Which book is yours?



\_\_\_\_\_

6 She isn't a friend of mine.



\_\_\_\_\_

7 He is an old student of hers.



\_\_\_\_\_

8 That car is theirs.



\_\_\_\_\_





# Practise using possessive determiners

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

(My mother and I) → *My hair is brown and curly. Her hair is blonde and straight.*

(My best friend and I) → *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
I	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





# Multiple choice

1 That movie is a favourite of \_\_\_\_\_.

a. me

b. my

c. you

d. mine

2 I like \_\_\_\_\_ teacher, but he gives too much homework.

a. me

b. you

c. mine

d. my

3 You have the same mother and father, so she is \_\_\_\_\_ sister.

a. your

b. mine

c. yours

d. you

4 They cannot take that money because it is not \_\_\_\_\_.

a. them

b. they

c. theirs

d. their



# 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 back on! It has a life of \_\_\_\_\_ own.

a. his

b. hers

c. its

d. it

3 If I know \_\_\_\_\_ birthday, I can figure out how old you are.

a. the

b. yours

c. you

d. your

4 I like my coffee with milk and sugar, but she likes \_\_\_\_\_ without 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



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# 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.**

A template for a postcard. It is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section is for writing a message and contains seven horizontal lines. The right section is for an address and contains a dashed rectangular box in the top right corner, with wavy lines to its left, indicating where a stamp should be placed.



# 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
I	_____	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.



# Answer key

**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





# 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

