

# Using possessive pronouns

GRAMMAR

LEVEL  
Intermediate

NUMBER  
EN\_BE\_2517G

LANGUAGE  
English

lingoda

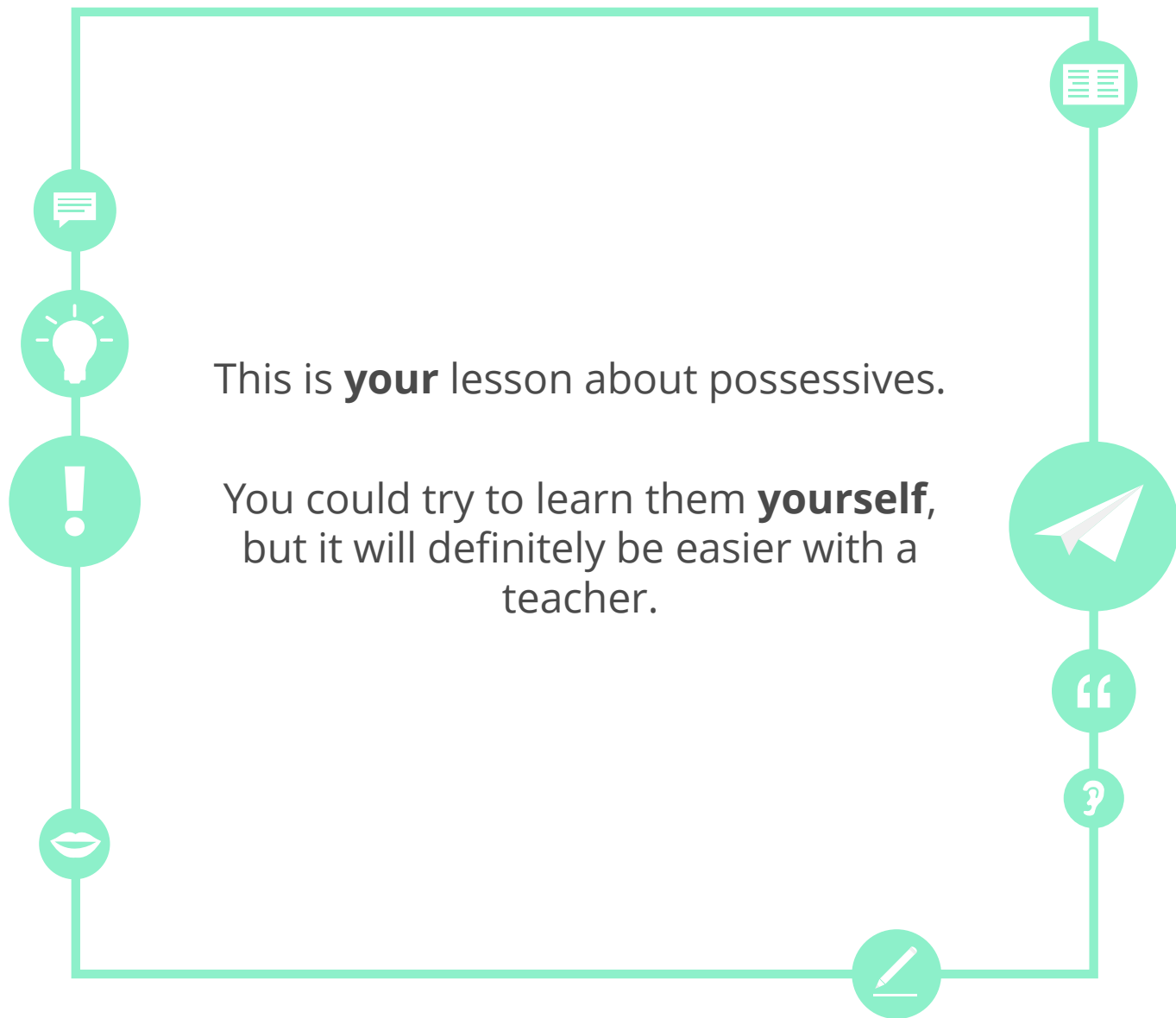




## Goals

- Can identify and use possessive pronouns.
- Can correctly use possessive determiners.





This is **your** lesson about possessives.

You could try to learn them **yourself**,  
but it will definitely be easier with a  
teacher.



## Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to **learn** how to use **possessive pronouns** and **possessive determiners**.



That is **his** suitcase.



## Possessive determiners

- **Possessive determiners** tell us who **owns** something. This is known as **possession**.
- Look at the **possessive determiners** below:

Subject	Possessive determiner
I	my
you	your
he/she/it	his/her/its
we	our
they	their



## Possessive determiners

- **Possessive determiners** are used like **adjectives**.
- They come **before a noun** to tell us who owns something.

This is my office.

Is this your bag?

That is his chair.

This is our office kitchen.

Is that their car?





***Its***



The **possessive determiner** *its* does **not** have an **apostrophe**.  
*It's* with an **apostrophe** means *it is*.



The lion is showing **its** teeth.



## Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the correct possessive determiner.

1. Greg, is this \_\_\_\_\_ notebook?
2. Steven and Trevor like \_\_\_\_\_ new manager.
3. Where is \_\_\_\_\_ lunch? We ordered it hours ago.
4. I can't find \_\_\_\_\_ laptop! Where is it?
5. Tina forgot to bring \_\_\_\_\_ briefcase to work today.







Choose one word from A and one from B to make six sentences

A

my

your

his/her

its

our

their

B

boss

office

laptop

mobile phone

briefcase

desk



Who owns this?



## Speaking

**Answer the questions with your classmates.**



1

How often do you talk to your boss?

2

Do you and your colleagues spend your weekends together?

3

How much do you use English in your career?



## Possessive pronouns

- **Possessive pronouns** also tell us who **owns** something.
- Look at the **possessive pronouns** below:

Subject	Possessive determiner	Possessive pronoun
I	my	mine
you	your	yours
he/she/it	his/her/its	his/hers
we	our	ours
they	their	theirs



## Possessive pronouns

- **Possessive pronouns** are used to **replace nouns**.
- We use them to **avoid repeating** the **noun**.

That office is mine.

Is that cup yours?

That folder is hers.

This room is ours.

That laptop is theirs.





## Possessive pronouns



Possessive pronouns do **not** have **apostrophes**.

**Never** write: *Is this **your's**?*



Is this **yours**?



## Fill in the gaps

**Choose the correct possessive pronoun to fill in the gaps.**

1. Yes, we work in that office, it's \_\_\_\_\_ (his/ours).
2. Ellen, is this sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ (theirs/yours)?
3. I gave James my phone number and he gave me \_\_\_\_\_ (his/mine).
4. You can't sit in that chair – it's \_\_\_\_\_ (mine/yours)!
5. This photocopier doesn't belong to HR – that one is \_\_\_\_\_ (his/theirs).



## Speaking

**Match the person to the house. Make sentences like the one in the example. Do you and your classmates agree?**

I think that is their house because...





## Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with a possessive determiner or a possessive pronoun.

1. Rachel, is this \_\_\_\_\_ mug?
2. I thought this office was Sally's but she said it's not \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hey! That seat was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The managers have a separate staffroom - \_\_\_\_\_ is upstairs.
5. This is \_\_\_\_\_ colleague, Evan.

mine

theirs

your

my

hers





## Reflexive pronouns review

We use **reflexive pronouns** when the **object** is the **same** as the **subject** of the **verb**.

Subject	Reflexive pronoun
I	myself
you	yourself/yourselves
he/she/it	himself/herself/itself
we	ourselves
they	themselves



## Grammar examples

Here are some examples of **reflexive pronouns**.



I introduced **myself** to my new team.

Are you writing the speech **yourself**?





## Grammar examples

Here are some more examples of **reflexive pronouns**.



He taught **himself** to cook.



She taught **herself** to code.



We enjoyed **ourselves**.



They decorated the office **themselves**.



## Reflexive pronouns



- We **don't** use reflexive pronouns with **actions** that **people normally do themselves**.
- For example, we **don't** usually say *He dressed himself*.



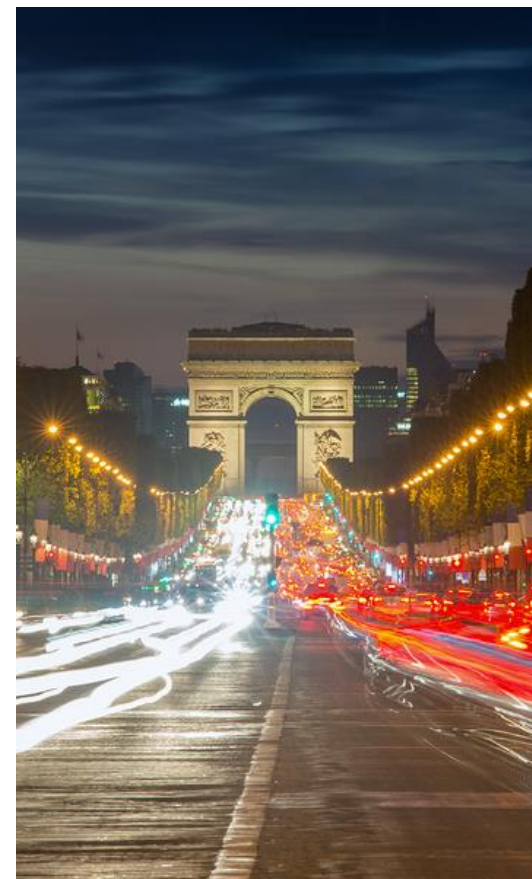
He got dressed.



## Fill in the gaps

**Fill in the gaps with the correct reflexive pronoun.**

1. I am going to buy \_\_\_\_\_ some jewellery.
2. We should introduce \_\_\_\_\_ before the meeting begins.
3. They really enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ during their business trip to Paris.
4. Rajiv taught \_\_\_\_\_ English because he wanted to move to Canada.
5. David, are you really going to prepare the whole report \_\_\_\_\_?





## Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps to make the sentences true for you. If you are in a class, make guesses about your classmates. Look at the example below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ always introduces  
\_\_\_\_\_ to new people easily.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ taught \_\_\_\_\_ to  
speak English.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't enjoy \_\_\_\_\_  
at office parties.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ likes to repair things  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My colleague Jim  
always introduces  
himself to people  
easily.





What are the people in the pictures doing? Use reflexive pronouns to answer

A



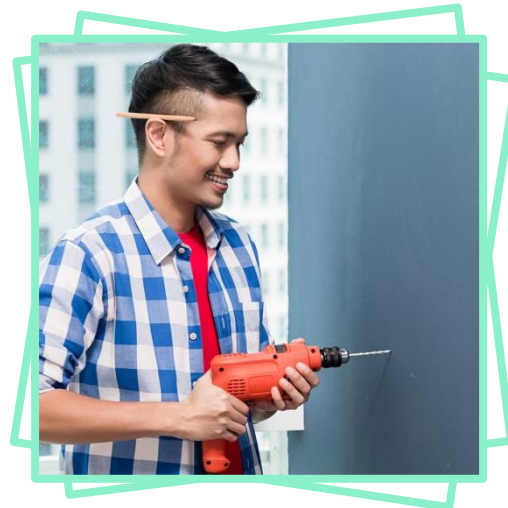
B



C



D





Imagine you are...

... getting a life-time achievement award from your company. You are now being interviewed by the local newspaper. Act out the situation with a partner.

- Make sure you talk about the high and low points in your career!
- The interviewer should also be sure to use plenty of possessives!







## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise p. 8

1. your 2. their 3. our 4. my 5. her

### Exercise p. 14

1. ours, 2. yours, 3. his, 4. mine, 5. theirs

### Exercise p. 16

1. your, 2. hers, 3. mine, 4. theirs, 5. my

### Exercise p. 21

1. myself, 2. ourselves, 3. themselves, 4. himself, 5. yourself





## Fill in the gaps with the correct pronoun

1. \_\_\_\_\_ boss is great – I really like him.
2. They don't like \_\_\_\_\_ new colleague.
3. We taught \_\_\_\_\_ French when we were in Paris.
4. That table is \_\_\_\_\_ - they always sit there.
5. They introduced \_\_\_\_\_ to their new team.





## Writing

**Look back at pages 10 and 23 of this lesson.  
Write answers to the questions on p. 10 here. And, write  
descriptions of the pictures on p. 23.**

○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	
○	



## Homework answer key

### **Exercise p. 28**

1. my, 2. their, 3. ourselves, 4. theirs, 5. themselves



## About this material

Find out more at  
[www.lingoda.com](http://www.lingoda.com)



This material is provided by

**lingoda**

### **lingoda** Who are we?



Why learn English online?



What kinds of English classes do we offer?



Who are our English teachers?



How do our English certificates work?



We also have a language blog!