

GRAMMAR

Possessive determiners

LEVEL

Beginner

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can identify possessive determiners in speech and writing.
- I can use the appropriate possessive determiner when describing my possessions and other people.



My house is **your** house.





Possessive determiners

- The **possessive determiners**, also called **possessive adjectives**, are listed below.
- This table shows how **possessive determiners** relate to **personal pronouns**:

Personal pronoun	Possessive determiner
I	my
you	your
he	his
she	her
we	our
they	their



Complete the dialogue (1/2)



Hi! _____ name is Claire. This is a picture of my son.

What is _____ name?



His name is John. _____ ten years old.

I have two daughters. _____
names are Louise and Jenny.



**My
Her**

**your
his**

**His
He's**

**our
Their**



Complete the dialogue (2/2)



How old are _____?

Louise is eight years old and _____ little sister Jenny is five.



_____ are beautiful children!

you
they

my
her

We
They

Match the sentence halves

1 I have two grandchildren...

2 He is my uncle...

3 We have two children...

a his name is Larry.

b their names are Josh and Harry.

c our son is twelve and our daughter is nine.



Find the match

A collection of nine colored squares arranged in three rows. The top row has four squares: 'I' (light blue), 'she' (light purple), 'their' (medium purple), and 'he' (light blue). The middle row has four squares: 'they' (medium purple), 'his' (light blue), 'her' (light purple), and 'we' (medium purple). The bottom row has two squares: 'our' (light blue) and 'my' (light purple). Several squares have small paper tabs attached to them, suggesting they are to be moved or matched.

I	she	their	he
they	his	her	we
our	my		



Form of possessive determiners

- Use a **possessive determiner** before a **noun** to talk about family or something you own.

Possessive determiner	Noun	Example
my	family	There are six people in my family .
your	relative	She is your relative .
his	parents	They are his parents .
her	car	That is her car .

Match the pictures to the sentences

1



2



3



4



a They are his grandparents.

b This is my teacher.

c This is her daughter.

d They are their children.



Spelling: *their* vs. *there*



Their children go to school.

There are two boys in **their** family.

A common spelling mistake in English (even among native speakers) is to mix up **their** and **there**.



Choose the correct answer

1 They have a big family. _____ are young.

a. Their children

b. Her children

2 _____ is on the coast. We have a big garden.

a. Your house

b. Our house

3 He has two children. _____ daughter's name is Paula.

a. Her

b. His

4 _____ wife is a doctor. We live in the city.

a. My

b. Our



Change the sentence to use a possessive determiner

1 They have a big family.



Their family is big.

2 She has old grandparents.



3 I have a young baby.



4 He has a big car.



5 They have an old tractor.





Practice

You can do this in **breakout rooms**. **Share** one sentence from your group with the class afterwards.

Talk about this picture.
Use possessive determiners.





Dear...

Write to your friend and try to include as many possessive determiners as possible.

My new bike is
blue...

Your dad is a
good cook...

Their house is
big...

Write sentences to include each of the possessive determiners below.

my

yours

his

her

our

their



Make sentences with the possessive determiners and nouns below.

her

house

their

car

our

dogs



Spelling in pairs

**Think of 3 words from the lesson.
Ask your classmates or your
teacher to spell the words.**



Ex.

How do you spell *family*?



End of the lesson

Idiom

Don't judge a book by its cover

Meaning: Don't judge someone or something only by what you can see

Example: You shouldn't judge a book by its cover. It takes time to get to know some people.

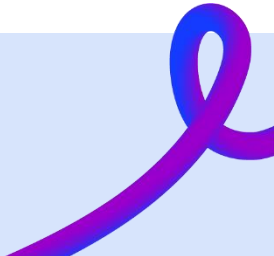


Additional practice



Complete the table

I	my
you	_____
_____	her
he	_____
_____	our
they	_____





Categorise

Do the pronouns talk about men, women or both?

1 my

2 your

3 his

4 her

5 our

6 their

Male

Female

Both



Unscramble

My

person.

nice

a

wife

is



grandparents

UK.

live

in

Our

the



Talk about your family

Try to talk for **30 seconds** about your family. Use some possessive determiners if you can.



My sister lives in New York.

Our children go to school.

- my
- your
- his
- her
- our
- their



Answer key

Exercise p. 5/6

My – his – He's – Their – they – her – They

Exercise p. 7

1. b – 2. a – 3. c

Exercise p. 8

I (my) – he (his) – she (her) – we (our) – they (their)

Exercise p. 10

1. C – 2. A – 3. D – 4. B

Exercise p. 12

1. a – 2. b – 3. b – 4. a

Exercise p. 13

2. Her grandparents are old. – 3. My baby is young. 4. – His car is big. 5. Their tractor is old.



Answer key

Exercise p.22

your – she – his – we – their

Exercise p.23

Male: his – **Female:** her – **Both:** my, your, our, their

Exercise p.25

My wife is a nice person.

Our grandparents live in the UK.



Summary

Possessive determiners:

- We use possessive determiners to talk about **family** or something we **own**.
- We use possessive determiners **before nouns**.

Possessive determiners:

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



Vocabulary

my

your

his

her

our

their

