

# Possessive Adjectives and Pronouns, Possessive Case

## Possessive adjective

My  
Your  
His  
Her  
Its  
Our  
Their

## Possessive pronoun

Mine  
Yours  
His  
Hers  
Its  
Ours  
Theirs

In English we have **possessive adjectives** and **possessive pronouns**. They have the same translation in Portuguese, but different usages.

The **possessive adjectives** are always used before nouns. The **possessive pronouns** are always used before different things (not nouns) they can be verbs, adverbs and ends of sentences for example

# Possessive adjectives (before nouns) Nouns – things and people

## My – meu

My **car** is very big

I can't find my **keys** I think I lost them

## Your – seu

Your **sisters** are very smart

Your **presentation** was impressive, I liked it.

## His – dele

His **family** is kind

His **dedication** to the project was evident.

## Her – dela

Her **dress** is beautiful

She **always** makes time to help her friends

## Its – disso

Its **function** is to help us

The company changed its **policy**

## Our – nosso

Our **conversations** are cool

Our **team** works hard to win

## Their – deles

Their **friends** are boring

Their **children** are all very nice

## Reading Practice

**My** family is very important to me. **My** father is 46 years old and **his** favorite activity is reading the bible and studying Hebrew because he is a Pastor.

My mother is a very nice woman, **her** favorite activities are studying psychology and having lunch with the whole family on Sundays.

**My** parents are very good people and **their** dream is to buy a motor home someday and travel a lot.

I have two sisters, Clarisse and Letícia. Clarisse is very agitated, sometimes she disturbs me a little. **Her** hobby is painting with aquarelle, she is a very good painter.

**My** other sister is a little quieter, **her** hobby is reading books. She reads many books, I don't understand how. They are very nice and my best friends. **Our** favorite activity to do together is watching movies and tv shows at home and in the cinema.

My family is a very united family and **our** favorite activity together as a family is going to church. Can you describe **your** family to me?



## Possessive pronouns (before verbs, adverbs, at the end of sentences...)

**Mine – meu**

The house is all **mine**

**Yours – seu**

“Your hair is very beautiful” – “**Yours** too!”

“How was your day?” – “Good, and **yours**?”

**His – dele**

This car is **his**

**Hers – dela**

The shirt is **hers**

“His mother is a doctor” – “**Hers** is an engineer”

**Ours – nosso**

The world is **ours**

**Theirs – deles**

This responsibility is **theirs**

## Reading practice

Julia and Peter live in a house, the house is theirs, but in the past the house was only his, so he decided to make the house hers too.

They are a couple and they love each other very much, they share all the bills, so the expenses are theirs and not his, as in some cases. The chores in the house are also shared, they have specific tasks. Washing the dishes is his, washing the bathroom is hers. Cleaning the floor is theirs, they alternate every week.

This way, they get along very well.

## **1-PUT MY OR MINE**

A... CAR IS RED

B-THE HOUSE IS ...

C-YOUR MOTHER IS A DOCTOR, ... IS A NURSE

D-... TOO

E-YOUR CITY IS VERY BEAUTIFUL, ... IS VERY UGLY

F-THE DOG IS...

G-... CAT IS VERY CUTE

## **2-PUT YOUR OR YOURS**

A - ... CAR IS RED

B-THE HOUSE IS...

C-MY MOTHER IS A DOCTOR,... IS A NURSE

D-... TOO

E-MY CITY IS VERY BEAUTIFUL IS VERY  
UGLY

F-THE DOG IS...

G-... CAT IS VERY CUTE

## 4-PUT THEIR OR THEIRS

A – ... CAR IS RED

B-THE HOUSE IS

C-MY MOTHER IS A DOCTOR, ... IS  
A NURSE

D-... TOO

E-MY CITY IS VERY BEAUTIFUL, IS  
VERY UGLY F-THE DOG IS...

G-... CAT IS VERY CUTE

## 5 -PUT OUR OR OURS

A – ... CAR IS RED

B-THE HOUSE IS ...

C-HER MOTHER IS A DOCTOR, ... IS A  
NURSE

D-... TOO

E-HER CITY IS VERY BEAUTIFUL ... IS  
VERY UGLY

F-THE DOG IS...

G-... CAT IS VERY CUTE



## Exercises:

That is \_\_\_\_ book. (my / mine)

\_\_\_\_ parents are coming to visit. (Our / Ours)

Is this \_\_\_\_ cat? (your / yours)

Those are not \_\_\_\_ socks. (her / hers)

That is \_\_\_\_ laptop. (their / theirs)

This is \_\_\_\_ pen. (your / yours)

The house on the corner is \_\_\_\_\_. (our / ours)

\_\_\_\_ phone is ringing. (my / mine)

That is my car. -> That car is \_\_\_\_\_.

These are his shoes. -> These shoes are \_\_\_\_\_.

Is this your pen? -> Is this pen \_\_\_\_\_?

The book belongs to her. -> The book is \_\_\_\_\_.

That is your computer. -> That computer is \_\_\_\_\_.

The house is owned by their family. -> The house is \_\_\_\_\_.

The picture belongs to me. -> The picture is \_\_\_\_\_.