

Possessive Adjectives

Usage

Adjectives are *describing words*. Possessive adjectives describe who a noun belongs to. They show *possession*. Adjectives go *before* the noun in English.

Subject Pronoun	Possessive adjective
I	My
You	Your
He	His
She	Her
It	Its
They	Their
We	Our
You	Your

Making the possessive form of a name

- To form the possessive form of a name, we add **apostrophe + 's'**.

For example:

This is **Lorraine's** laptop.

We went to **Juan and Melissa's** party.

I'm in **Mr. Kendall's** group for maths.

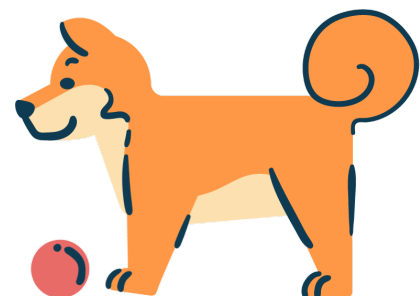
- **What about names that end in 's'?**

For name's ending in an 's', style guides vary. While some recommend adding an apostrophe and an extra 's', others recommend just adding an apostrophe.

- **James's** team were top of the leader board.
- **James'** team were top of the leader board.

Following either rule is fine, just be consistent throughout your text.

- **For plural possessives of names ending in an 's', always insert the apostrophe after the final s.**
- We had dinner at **the Harris'** house.
- I am dog-sitting **the Peters'** dog this weekend.



This is Nicola. She is **my** sister.

Here is **my** dog, and here is **his** toy.

Welcome to **our** home! May I take **your** coat?

**Practice
activity**

Practice possessive adjectives by filling in the gaps below with an appropriate possessive adjective.

1. I am going on holiday with ___ brother next week.
2. Linda loves ___ new shoes! She's been wearing them every day.
3. We are thinking of re-decorating ___ living room. Where did you buy ___ wallpaper? It's really nice, we would love something similar.
4. The people are very proud of ___ city's heritage.
5. Mexico is a country which is known worldwide for ___ delicious street food.
6. Abdullah didn't want to share the cake with ___ sister.
7. I spoke to ___ mum and dad about ___ holiday plans last night. They're planning to go to Greece.



Answers

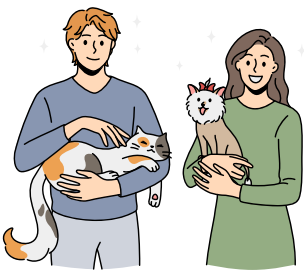
1. my, 2. her, 3. our, your, 4. their, 5. its, 6. his, 7. my, their

Possessive Pronouns

Usage

Possessive pronouns take the place of the possessive adjective and the noun. If we have already mentioned who the item belongs to, we can use a possessive pronoun to avoid repetition and sound more natural.

Subject Pronoun	Possessive Pronoun
I	<i>Mine</i>
You	<i>Yours</i>
He	<i>His</i>
She	<i>Hers</i>
It	<i>Its</i>
They	<i>Theirs</i>
We	<i>Ours</i>
You	<i>Yours</i>



This is **my car**. It's **mine**.

That's **Sarah's book**. It's **hers**.

They are **our cats**. They're **ours**.

**Practice
activity**

Practise possessive pronouns by rewriting the sentences using the correct possessive pronoun. Follow the example.

1. These are my shoes. They are **mine**.
2. This is not John's pen. It isn't ___.
3. The Honda is our car. It is ___.
4. The blue coat is Emily's. It is ___.
5. Come round to our house for dinner. Come round to ___ for dinner.
6. We didn't have water, so we went to their house to take a shower. We went to ___.
7. I bought this vase as a gift for you. It is ___.



Answers

1. mine, 2. his, 3. ours, 4. hers, 5. ours, 6. theirs, 7. yours