



Grammar study

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

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My
Your
His
Her
Its
Our
Your
Their

pen.

We use a possessive adjective before a noun to say who the noun belongs to

Example:

Where is your pencil?

• Possessive adjectives always agree with the possessor.

E.g.: My house is big.

• The third person singular distinguish masculine, feminine and neutral.

E.g.: His mother is a doctor; Her father is a teacher; This tree is big but its leaves are small.

• Common errors: It's instead of its. ~~It's~~ eyes are yellow.

The use of your when we mean his or her.

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

We use a possessive pronoun without a noun, when the noun is understood.

Example:

Is this Mark's pen?

No, it's mine- (= my pen.)

The pen is

mine.
yours.
his.
hers.
ours.
yours.
theirs.

• The possessive pronoun substitutes the possessive adjective + the noun.

E.g.: These are (my books) mine.

• The structure noun + of mine / yours, etc., is used with the meaning of "one among others"

E.g.: Mary is friend of ours.

• Common error: That book is ~~my~~.



HOMEWORK

1. Substitute the underlined words with possessive adjectives.

Example: John's knee hurts. *His knee hurts.*

- a) My parents' friend is worried. _____
- b) Mary's father speaks Russian. _____
- c) Tim's cousins go to my school. _____
- d) Jim and Sam's favourite team is Benfica. _____

2. Rewrite the sentences using possessive pronouns.

Example: This is my pen. *This pen is mine.*

- a) Is that your pencil? _____
- b) These are your books. _____
- c) That is her bike. _____
- d) This is my ring. _____

3. Complete as the example:.

Example:

This isn't my book. The book isn't mine.

a) This isn't our car. _____

b) It's her bag. _____

c) It's my father's newspaper. _____

d) That isn't my pen _____

4. Answer the questions, using the possessive pronoun that corresponds to the personal pronoun in brackets.

a) Is that Mark's dog?

No, _____ (I)

b) Is this my rubber?

No, _____ (she)

c) Is that your pencil?

No, _____ (they)

d) Is this our ball?

No, _____ (you)

