

5/ My, your; mine, yours

- 1 Look at these sentences:
This car belongs to me.
It's my car. It's mine.

- 2 Now look at this table:

OBJECT PRONOUN	POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE	POSSESSIVE PRONOUN
me	my	mine
you	your	yours
him	his	his
her	her	hers
it	its	its
us	our	ours
you	your	yours
them	their	theirs

- 3 my, your, etc.

- ▶ We use **my, your, etc.** with nouns:
my book his hands their house
- ▶ We say:
Tony and his wife. (NOT ... her-wife.)
Sara and her husband.
(NOT ... his-husband.)
- ▶ We use possessive adjectives with parts of the body:
Her hair is red. My hands are cold.

- 4 mine, yours, etc.

- ▶ We use **mine, yours, etc.** instead of **my book, your keys, etc.**:
My flat is in the centre of town. Where's yours? (yours = your flat)

- ▶ We often use possessive pronouns in comparative sentences:

Our cat is smaller than theirs.
(theirs = their cat)
Your house is older than mine.
(mine = my house)

- ▶ We use **a/some + noun + of + possessive pronoun** to talk about one of a number of people or things:

I went to the club with a friend of mine.
(= one of my friends)

- 5 We do not use **a/an** or **the** with possessive adjectives or pronouns:

It's a my bag. They're the ours.

- 6 's or s'

- ▶ We use **'s** with singular nouns or names:
When is the team's next game?
I went to Sam's house.
- ▶ We use **s'** with plural nouns that end with **s**:
She borrowed her parents' car.
- ▶ We use **'s** with plural nouns that do not end with **s**:
Many people's jobs are difficult.
- ▶ Remember that **its** and **it's** are different:
I've got a new dog. Its name is Pluto.
(Its = possessive adjective)
It's cold today. (It's = It is)

(See also Unit 35.)

Practice

- A Put possessive adjectives (**my, your, etc.**) and possessive pronouns (**mine, yours, etc.**) in the gaps.

- ▶ This car belongs to me. This is my..... car. It's mine.....
- 1 That ticket belongs to you. That's ticket. It's
- 2 These shoes belong to her. These are shoes. They're
- 3 This house belongs to them. This is house. It's
- 4 These cups belong to us. These are cups. They're
- 5 Those books belong to him. Those are books. They're
- 6 That bag belongs to me. That's bag. It's
- 7 This key belongs to her. This is key. It's
- 8 That boat belongs to them. That's boat. It's
- 9 Those coats belong to us. Those are coats. They're

- 10 These pens belong to me. These are pens. They're
 11 That watch belongs to him. That's watch. It's
 12 These photos belong to you. These are photos. They're

B Look at the pictures and then complete the sentences.
 Use *my, your, etc.* and *mine, yours, etc.*



- Those are his keys.
 1 That book is
 2 These pens are
 3 That's money.
 4 This bike is
 5 That ruler is
 6 This is car.
 7 Those are sandwiches.
 8 Is this bag ?
 9 Those photos are
 10 This is camera.
 11 Is this watch?

C If the underlined words are correct, put a tick (✓). If they are wrong, write the correct words.

- Look at the sky! Its going to rain. It's
 ► Is that Erica's car? ✓
 1 Those photos on the table are the mine.
 2 I met a friend of me at the shops.
 3 The childrens' toys were on the floor.
 4 I can't do this exercise. Its very difficult.
 5 I like all of that writers' books.
 6 People's opinions often change.
 7 The workers' wages are very low so they are very unhappy.
 8 They were talking about the world's problems.
 9 Shall we give the cat it's food?
 10 She stayed with some relatives of hers in Spain.

D Replace the words in brackets () with possessive pronouns (*mine, yours, etc.*).

- My car is faster than (your car). yours
 1 Her house is bigger than (my house).
 2 Your watch is more expensive than (his watch).
 3 My exams are more difficult than (their exams).
 4 Their garden is more beautiful than (our garden).
 5 Your son is younger than (her son).
 6 My husband is stronger than (your husband).
 7 Her job is harder than (his job).