Possessive Adjectives

What are possessive adjectives?

We use possessive adjectives to say that things belong to someone.

Subject	Possessive Adjective
I	my
you	your
he	his
she	her
it	its
we	our
they	their

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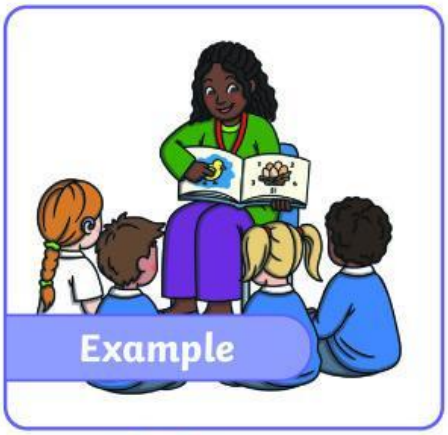
Activity 1

Look at the pictures. Circle the correct word.

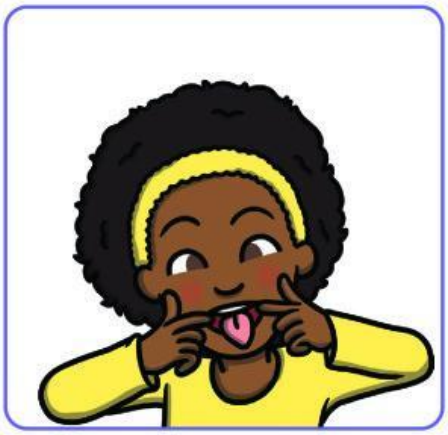


His / **Their** / Its teacher is reading a story.

Our / His / Her T-shirt is green.

My / His / Your favourite sport is basketball.

Today, it's my / its / our birthday! We are 8 years old.



My / Your / Its best friend is so funny!

It's not your / its / their toy - it's mine!

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Activity 2

Look at the picture. Can you see Wanjing's family?

Complete the text with the correct possessive adjective.

This is Wanjing's family. 1 _____ brother is on the right. 2 _____ name is Chen. 3 _____ mum is standing on the left, next to dad. You can see 4 _____ grandma and grandad in the picture too. Wanjing's grandad is standing behind 5 _____ brother. 6 _____ favourite day is Sunday when they see 7 _____ family. Today they are celebrating something special. 8 _____ favourite colour is red - it's a lucky colour. 9 _____ clothes are all the same colour. But, there's something missing! 10 _____ dog isn't in the picture! 11 _____ name is Bao. He lives outside in the garden.

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Activity 3

Match the pictures with the possessive adjectives.

There is one example.

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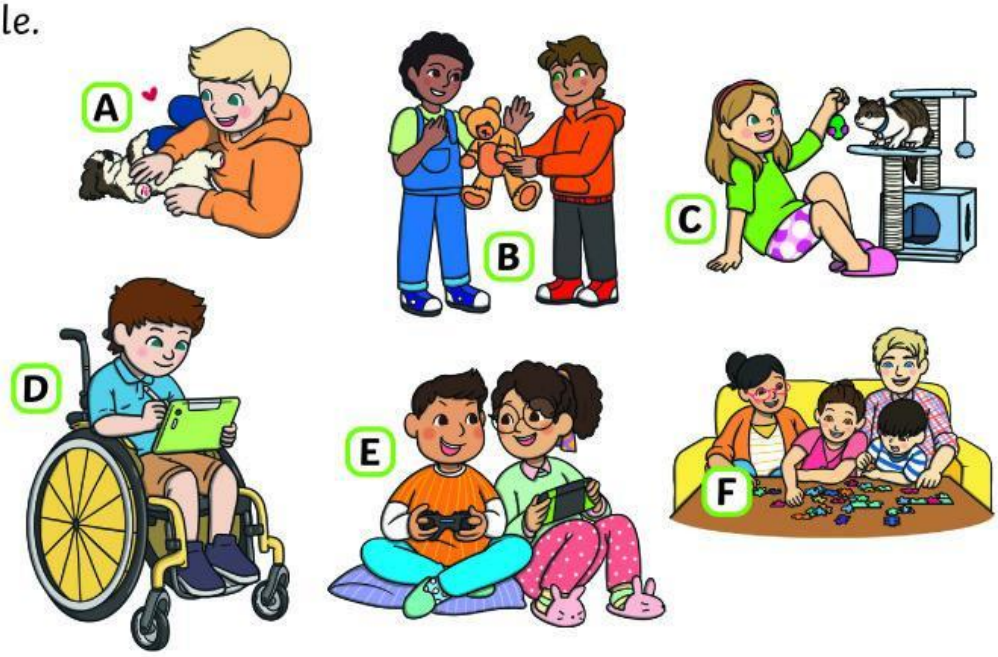
1. my ____
2. your ____
3. his ____
4. their ____
5. our ____



Activity 4

My classmates are cool!

Write about your classmates. (Or you can write about the children in the picture.)

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Answers

Activity 1

1. **Her**
2. **His**
3. **Our**
4. **My**
5. **Your**

Activity 2

This is Wanjing's family. (1) **Her** brother is on the right. (2) **His** name is Chen. (3) **Her** mum is standing on the left, next to dad. You can see (4) **her** grandma and grandad in the picture too. Wanjing's grandad is standing behind (5) **her** brother. (6) **Their** favourite day is Sunday when they see (7) **their** family. Today they are celebrating something special. (8) **Their** favourite colour is red - it's a lucky colour. (9) **Their** clothes are all the same colour. But, there's something missing! (10) **Their** dog isn't in the picture! (11) **His** name is Bao. He lives outside in the garden.

Activity 3

1. **A**
2. **B**
3. **D**
4. **F**
5. **E**

Note: alternative answers should be accepted, depending on how students interpret the gender of the children in the images.

Activity 4

Students' own answers.