

Possessive adjectives (my, your, his, her, its, our, their) are used *before nouns* to show ownership, while possessive pronouns (mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs) *replace nouns* and stand alone.

Detailed Explanation

Possessive Adjectives

- **Function:** Modify a noun to show who owns it.
- **Position:** Always come *before* the noun they describe.
- **Examples:**
 - *This is **my** book.*
 - *That is **her** dog.*
 - *We love **our** school.*

Here, the adjective attaches directly to the noun (*book, dog, school*).

Possessive Pronouns

- **Function:** Replace the noun entirely, showing ownership without repeating the noun.
- **Position:** Stand alone in the sentence.
- **Examples:**
 - *This book is **mine**.*
 - *That dog is **hers**.*
 - *The school is **ours**.*

Notice that the noun is not repeated — the pronoun takes its place.

Comparison Table