

# Practice 18 Possessive Adjectives and Pronouns

EXAMPLE	EXPLANATION
That is <b>my</b> book. <b>Our</b> apartment is small.	The possessive adjective must come before a noun. We can't use it alone or without a noun.
That book is <b>mine</b> . (mine = my book) That apartment is <b>ours</b> . (ours = our apartment)	The possessive pronoun takes the place of a noun. It never comes before a noun.

**Language Notes:** 1. Be careful with *his* and *her*:

I have a married *brother*. *His* wife is very nice.

The *bride* looks beautiful. *Her* father looks proud.

2. When we use a possessive pronoun, we omit the noun.

*Her* dress is white. —→ *Yours* is blue.

3. Compare subject pronouns, possessive adjectives, and possessive pronouns:

SUBJECT PRONOUN	POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE	POSSESSIVE PRONOUN
<i>I</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>mine</i>
<i>you</i>	<i>your</i>	<i>yours</i>
<i>he</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>his</i>
<i>she</i>	<i>her</i>	<i>hers</i>
<i>it</i>	<i>its</i>	—
<i>we</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>ours</i>
<i>they</i>	<i>their</i>	<i>theirs</i>

## EXERCISE 1 For each underlined pair of adjectives or pronouns, **circle** the correct possessive form.

**Example** Put your / yours coat on. It's cold outside!

1. This bag is not mine. I think it's your / yours.
2. She is a doctor. Her / Hers sister is a lawyer.
3. Is this mine or your / yours?
4. That's his office. It's not my / mine.
5. I don't know their / theirs address.
6. I think that house is their / theirs.
7. This table is our / ours.
8. Your / Yours MP3 player is broken. Why don't you borrow my / mine?
9. Our / Ours car is white. They / Theirs is red.
10. Her / Hers hair is the same length as my / mine.
11. Do you want me to take yours / your picture?
12. His mother is from my / mine country.

■ **EXERCISE 2** Rewrite each sentence. Replace the underlined portion with the correct possessive pronoun or possessive adjective.

**Example** This is a picture of John and Anne's new baby.

This is a picture of their new baby.

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1. The boys' clothes are in the washing machine.

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2. That suitcase isn't your suitcase.

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3. The little girl's kitten ran away.

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4. The next day, the kitten returned to the little girl's family's house.

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5. My pen ran out of ink, so I'm going to use your pen.

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6. She announced that Jim's flight would arrive early.

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7. Jeanne's flight arrived earlier than our flight.

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