

These words are called **possessive adjectives**: *my, his, her, its, our, your, their*

I → my chair	Sarah and I we → our house
Andrew, the boy he → his toy	you your → your bag
Mom, the woman she → her car	the boys they → their bicycles
the dog it → its ball	

(There is no apostrophe (') in *its* here. *its* ball ~~it's~~ ball).

These words are called **possessive pronouns**: *mine, his, hers, ours, yours, theirs*

I → my chair The chair is mine .	Sarah and I → our house The house is ours .
Andrew <i>his</i> book → The book is his .	you → your bag The bag is yours .
Mom, her car → The car is hers .	the boys <i>their</i> bicycles → The bicycles are theirs .

(We can't use *its* in this way. *The cat, its ball. ~~The ball is its.~~*
 There is no apostrophe (') in possessive pronouns. *The car is yours. ~~The car is your's.~~*)
 The pronoun doesn't change from singular to plural:
Their bedroom. The bedroom is theirs.
Their bedrooms. The bedrooms are theirs.



Exercise 1

Fill the gaps in these sentences:

- This book belongs to me. It is _____ book.
- This bag belongs to Andrew. It is _____ book.
- This car belongs my mother. It is _____ car.
- These shoes belong to you. They are _____ shoes.
- The bedroom belongs to the girls. It is _____ bedroom.
- The dog, Wolfie, belongs to my family. It is _____ dog.
- The cat has a sore leg. The cat is licking _____ leg.
- I am holding some money. It is _____ money!

Exercise 2

The Brown family are sorting the laundry. Sarah is looking at some t.shirts. Fill the gaps in these sentences with a possessive pronoun.

Dad: Which t-shirt is yours, Jane? The red one or the blue one?

Jane: The blue one is (a) _____. It belongs to me.

Mark: No! Dad bought **me** a new t-shirt on Saturday. The blue one!

Dad: You're wrong, Mark. I bought you a green one. The green one is (b) _____.

Mark: Oh sorry, you're right. The green one is (c) _____.

Jane: So the green t-shirt is (d) _____, Mark, and the blue t-shirt is (e) _____. What about this red one?

Dad: That red one belongs to Mum. It's (f) _____.

Mark: What about these two white ones? One is a large and one is a medium.

Dad: Those white t.shirts belong to Mum and me. They are (g) _____.



Answer Key:

Exercise 1 Answers

a. my, b. his, c. her, d. your, e. their, f. our, g. its, h. my.

Exercise 2:

a. mine, b. yours, c. mine, d. yours, e. mine, f. hers, g. ours.