

Nouns, adjectives and adverbs

1 Subject and object pronouns

Subject pronouns

I you he she it we you they

Object pronouns

me you him her it us you them

- The subject is the person or thing doing the action:

I left early.

***She** went home.*

We said goodbye.

- The object is the person or thing receiving the action:

*She telephoned **me**.*

*I hit **him**.*

*We saw **her**.*



Practice

Write the correct pronouns for these sentences.

- 1 ..*She*... telephoned yesterday, (she)
- 2 We watched *.him*... for hours, (he)
- 3 Hasn't arrived yet? (she)
- 4 don't understand. (I)
- 5 Are you talking to? (I)
- 6 Don't ask doesn't know, (she/she)
- 7 This is Julia: have known for years, (we/she)
- 8 Nobody told the bus was leaving, (they)
- 9 Why didn't ask to come? (she/they)
- 10 Don't ask Ask (I/he)
- 11 think doesn't like (T/hc/I)
- 12 asked to invite (they/he/we)

2 Reflexive pronouns

myself yourself himself herself itself
ourselves yourselves themselves

- The object is the same person or thing as the subject:
I cut myself when I was cooking.
The kettle will switch itself off automatically.

Practice

Write the correct reflexive pronouns for these sentences.

- 1 I like to wake ..myself.. up in the morning with a cup of coffee.
- 2 Thanks for a great party - we really enjoyed . ourselves..
- 3 I hate watchingon video.
- 4 I'm sorry, Tony, but I haven't got enough money to pay for you. Can you pay for ..?
- 5 After his accident, Philip droveto the hospital.
- 6 We don't need a babysitter - the children can look after ..
- 7 Now, children, remember to giveenough time to answer all the exam questions.
- 8 'Should I apply for the job?' she asked.....
- 9 We're planning to buy..... a new television.
- 10 He hurtwhen he was playing football.

3 Possessive adjectives

- Each pronoun has a possessive adjective:

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|-----|---|------|------|---|-------|
| I | → | my | we | → | our |
| you | → | your | you | → | your |
| he | → | his | they | → | their |
| she | → | her | it | → | its |

Practice

Write the correct possessive adjectives for these sentences.

- 1 These are ..my... parents. (!)
- 2 I've gotwatch, (he)
- 3 Is this car? {you}
- 4 Do they likenew house? (she)

- 5 Have you met teacher? (they)
- 6 Who's got money? (I)
- 7 I don't like teacher, (we)
- 8 Have you got passport? (you)
- 9 He forgot keys, (he)
- 10 They changed hotel, (they)
- 11 She gave the letter to secretary, (she)
- 12 There's something wrong with car. (I)
- 13 They're having a party in garden, (they)
- 14 Where's pen? (I)
- 15 I like jacket. (You)

4 Possessive adjectives and pronouns

Possessive adjectives

my your his her its our your their

Possessive pronouns

mine yours his hers - ours yours theirs

- The possessive adjective is always followed by its noun:

It's my car.

*That's **his** mother.*

*This is **our** house.*

- The possessive pronoun is never followed by its noun:

*This is **mine**.*

*Give it to Peter: it's **his**.*

*The money is **ours**.*

Practice

Write the correct possessive adjective or pronoun for these sentences.

- 1 Whose camera is this? Is it ..yours. ? (you)
- 2 Excuse me, those are „our.. seats, (we)
- 3 Is it suitcase or? (you/he)
- 4 Has the dog had food? (it)
- 5 They're not keys - they're(I/she)
- 6 I don't think its room: I think it's(you/they)
- 7 The police asked me for address. (I)

- 8 Have you got pen, or would you like to borrow? (you/I)
- 9 garden is bigger than (they/we)
- 10 I think this is book. Oh no, it's (I/you)
- 11 The decision is (they)
- 12 The cat wants dinner, (it)
- 13 You know it's not money. It's (you/I)
- 14 It isn't car, it's (he/she)
- 15 It wasn't mistake, it was (I/they)
- 16 Have you met mother? (they)
- 17 parents say the decision is (she/they)
- 18 brother hasn't got a phone, so he uses (I/we)
- 19 car wasn't working, so I used (I/he)
- 20 house is smaller than (we/they)

5 The possessive with s

- To indicate possession for people or animals:

a) in the singular, add 's:

Anne's bike
James's friend
The dog's food

b) for plurals ending in s, just add ':

The boys' mother
My pare/Us' house
The ladies' hats

c) for other plurals, add 's:

The children's friends
The women's cars

Note: *It's = It is.* The possessive of *it* is *its*:

It's cold today.
Give the dog its food.



Practice

Rewrite these sentences, putting the apostrophe (') where necessary. If two answers are possible, write the more likely one.

- 1 We talked to the boys parents for some time.
We talked to the boys' parents for some time.
We talked to the boy's parents for some time.

- 2 We can borrow my fathers car.
We can borrow my father's car.
- 3 Have you met Susans friend?
- 4 About sixty people use the teachers room.
- 5 Someone had taken Barbaras purse.
- 6 Something was hurting the animals foot.
- 7 I'm going to write to the childrens parents.
- 8 Jane works in my mothers office.
- 9 The dog doesn't like its food.
- 10 Mary and Pat stayed at their friends house.
- 11 Are you going to the secretaries meeting?
- 12 I put the money in the waiters hand.
- 13 Ians suit was very expensive.