

Possessive pronouns and adjectives



A possessive adjective is always followed by a noun. For example: my computer, your cat, his brother etc.

A possessive pronoun is used without a noun. For example: mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs etc.

Read the following sentences and state whether the pronouns are used as possessive pronouns or possessive adjectives.

1. Her father is a firefighter.

- a) "Her" is a possessive adjective
- b) "Her" is a possessive pronoun

2. This is our house.

- a) "our" is a possessive adjective
- b) "our" is a possessive pronoun

3. This is Tom's bike. It's his.

- a) "his" is a possessive adjective
- b) "his" is a possessive pronoun

4. Those are my mother's dresses.

- a) "my" is a possessive adjective
- b) "my" is a possessive pronoun

5. Spotty is your dog. It's yours.

- a) "yours" is a possessive adjective
- b) "yours" is a possessive pronoun

6. These are your parents' cars. They are theirs.

- a) "theirs" is a possessive adjective
- b) "theirs" is a possessive pronoun

7. This is her cat's bowl. It's its bowl.

- a) "its" is a possessive adjective
- b) "its" is a possessive pronoun

8. That is her bag. That bag is hers.

- a) "hers" is a possessive adjective
- b) "hers" is a possessive pronoun

9. These books are ours.

- a) "ours" is a possessive adjective
- b) "ours" is a possessive pronoun

10. He's got an umbrella. It's his umbrella.

- a) "his" is a possessive adjective
- b) "his" is a possessive pronoun

11. This box is mine.

- a) "mine" is a possessive adjective
- b) "mine" is a possessive pronoun

12. These are your pens.

- a) "your" is a possessive adjective
- b) "your" is a possessive pronoun

13. They are their teachers.

- a) "their" is a possessive adjective
- b) "their" is a possessive pronoun

14. I've got a cat. Its tail is long.

- a) "Its" is a possessive adjective
- b) "Its" is a possessive pronoun