

PRONOUNS (4)

Possessive Pronouns (04)

In context

3 min

What is a possessive pronoun?



This car is *his*.



This suitcase is *hers*.

Possessive Pronouns

7 min

A possessive pronoun represents something that belongs to someone. They are pronouns, so they are not followed by a noun, they replace the noun.

Possessive Pronoun	Example
mine	this ball is <i>mine</i>
yours (singular or plural)	this ball is <i>yours</i>
his (male)	this ball is <i>his</i>
hers (female)	this ball is <i>hers</i>
its (neuter, rarely used)	this ball is <i>its</i>
ours	this ball is <i>ours</i>
theirs	this ball is <i>theirs</i>

Language Tip: Possessive Pronouns vs. Possessive Adjectives

5 min

Do not confuse possessive pronouns with possessive adjectives. Possessive adjectives are followed by a noun and are: my, your, his, her, its, our, their. See the lesson on the possessive.

Examples:

This is *my* book. (possessive adjective)

This is *mine*. (possessive pronoun)

Writing Exercise

5 min

Match the 2 columns.

1. This is Jeffrey's horse.	a. This is ours.
2. This is Jenny's horse.	b. This is mine.
3. This is your horse.	c. This is his.
4. This is my horse.	d. This is theirs.
5. This is the Smiths' horse.	e. This is hers.
6. This is our horse.	f. This is yours.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Writing Exercise (LOC-GR4-04-W2)

5 min

Put the words in the correct order.

1. don't / I / know / is / mine / where

2. This / is / is / and / guitar / Johnny's / this / yours

3. ours / friend / Valerie / your / is / not

4. they / theirs / We / our / have / have / tickets / not / do

5. He / hers / is / right / it / his / not / is

Writing Exercise

5 min

Choose the correct possessive pronoun.

1. Amanda insists the idea was _____. (his/hers)
2. This is my plate, not _____.! (mine/yours)
3. What a coincidence, you are looking for a car and we are selling _____.!
(yours/ours)
4. I live my life and he lives _____. (his/its)
5. We deal with our problems and they deal with _____. (hers/theirs)
6. I have never seen this jacket, it is not _____. (mine/hers)
7. I found my glasses, I don't know where _____ are. (yours/ours)
8. I have my card but I am afraid my children lost _____. (his/theirs)
9. This looks like our lamp but it is not _____. (ours/theirs)
10. You saw my workplace, but I have never seen _____. (yours/ours)

Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Rick and Emily are children and are going to a summer camp. Their mother made a list of their belongings. Look at this part of the list and answer the questions.

Rick	Emily
shorts	skirt
shirts	dress
tennis shoes	flip-flops
ball	barbie

What belongs to Rick? What belongs to Emily?

Example:

This skirt is hers.

Watch the Video!

5 min

With this song, you will practice possessive pronouns.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwBFOK5kgHA>

Watch it again and answer the questions.

1. Complete the lyrics:

Is this yours? No it isn't _____.

Is this _____? No, it isn't hers.

Is this his? _____, this is!

What are we talking about? _____.

Say it _____: Pronouns! Pronounce these pronouns: mine, _____, his, _____.

What are we talking _____? Pronouns.

Say it out _____! Pronouns!

Is this yours? No it isn't _____.

Is this yours? No it isn't _____.

Is this ours? No, it's _____. [...]

2. What is the question "Is this yours?" about?

- a. Asking a person if something belongs to him/her
- b. Asking a person if something is there
- c. Asking a person if someone is here

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. A possessive pronoun is followed by a noun. | true | false |
| 2. A possessive pronoun represents something that belongs to someone. | true | false |
| 3. A possessive pronoun is a possessive adjective. | true | false |
| 4. All possessive pronouns end in -s. | true | false |

Complete the list of possessive pronouns:

yours(singular or plural)
_____ (male)
_____ (female)
_____ (neuter)

Complete the sentences with the correct possessive pronoun:

1. My sister and I bought a car together. This car is _____.
2. These are the skis Pat and Jen used. They are _____.
3. I prefer to take my bike. _____ is better than the one you rent.
4. Katie's bag looks much better than my bag. I prefer _____.