

## POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	<b>In this lesson, you will learn about possessive pronouns.</b>
<b>Key Goals</b>	<p><b>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. What is the possessive form?</b></li> <li><b>2. What are possessive pronouns?</b></li> </ol>

### 1. What is the possessive form?

There are different levels to **the possessive form**:

- We can first use the name of the owner + 's followed by the object they own:  
*Mary's house is the biggest in the neighborhood.*
- We can then use a **possessive determiner** to refer to "Mary":  
*Her house is the biggest in the neighborhood.*
- We can only use the name of the owner + 's when we know what we're talking about:  
*Mary's is the biggest in the neighborhood.*
- We can use a **possessive pronoun** when we already know what and who we are referring to:  
*Hers is the biggest in the neighborhood.*

If a word ends in “s”, we will write it as follows:

**Louis’ book** → pronounced “Louisiz book”.

**Remember:** it doesn’t always refer to a person.

We can also say “**Today’s weather forecast**”

Here is a list of the possessive determiners and pronouns for each person:

Person	Possessive determiner	Possessive pronoun
I	My	Mine
You	Your	Yours
He	His	His
She	Her	Hers
It	Its	/
We	Our	Ours
You	Your	Yours
They	Their	Theirs

## 2. What are possessive pronouns?

Possessive pronouns are words that can **replace a noun or a noun phrase** to express **possession** or **belonging** in a sentence.

Take for example the following sentence:

Your pen is broken, you can use **my pen**.

In this sentence, we repeat the word “pen” twice.

To avoid repetitions, we can use a possessive pronoun:

Your pen is broken, you can use **mine**.

As you can see, the possessive pronoun “mine” replaces “my pen”.

### Nouns with “of”

There is also a special use of the possessive form.

Look at the following example:

Mary is our friend → Mary is a friend of **ours**.

Mary is John’s friend → Mary is a friend of **John’s**.

Notice that we **do not** use personal pronouns or names for this purpose!

**Exercise:**

**Rewrite the following sentences with a possessive pronoun.**

1. That's my book, your book is there!

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2. My brother is annoying, but her brother seems very nice.

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3. Their house is not as big as our house.

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4. I've lost my keys, so my brother lent me his keys.

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