

SAMPLE LESSON FOR PRONOUNS

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Quick Explanation:

- **Pronouns** stand in the place of the noun or nouns. This reduces the number of times the noun is repeated.
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 - **Subjective** (he, I, it, she, they, we, and you)
 - **Objective** (her, him, it, me, them, us, and you)
 - **Possessive** (hers, his, its, mine, ours, theirs, yours)
 - **Reflexive** (*herself, himself, itself, myself, ourselves, themselves, and your selves*)
 - **Indefinite** (anybody, anyone, anything, everybody, everyone, everything, nobody, no one, none, nothing, somebody, someone, something)

<u>PERSPECTIVE</u>	<u>SUBJECTIVE CASE</u>	<u>POSSESSIVE CASE</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE CASE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
First Person	I	my, mine	me	Singular
	we	our, ours	us	Singular
Second Person	you	your, yours	you	Singular/ Plural
Third Person	he, she, it	his, her, hers, its	him, her, it	Singular
	we, they	our, ours, their	them	Plural
	who, whoever	whose	whom, whomever	Singular/ Plural

Examples of Possessive Pronouns

- **Possessive pronouns** also take the place of nouns and show ownership.
- **Possessive pronouns** show possession without the use of apostrophes (my, mine, your, yours [second person singular], his, her, hers, its, our, ours, your, yours [second person plural], their, theirs).
- The car is his. (His is the possessive pronoun that shows who has possession of the car)
 - **Note.** There are pronouns known as **possessive determiners** that act as adjectives and, therefore, are known as **possessive adjectives** (*my, your [second person singular], his, her, its our, your [second person plural], their*)
 - This is his car. (**His** modifies the noun *car*)

Guided Possessive Pronoun Practice: Too many Alice's!

Use the Pronoun Case Chart to select and use the correct possessive pronoun:

- **Alice** was beginning to get very tired of sitting by **Alice's** sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice **Alice** had peeped into the book **Alice's** sister was reading.... (Let's fix it!)
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 - Using the possessive noun, **Alice's**, along with the subject noun **Alice** throughout the paragraph is very repetitive and awkward. Replace the possessive noun **Alice's** with its possessive pronoun **her**.

Independent Possessive Pronoun Practice

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Is it *mine* or *yours*?

How Possessive
Pronouns Came Be !



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PRACTICE USING POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

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