SAMPLE LESSON FOR PRONOUNS

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Quick Explanation:
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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, 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, yours, 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!)*
- **Alice** was beginning to get very tired of sitting by **her** sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice **Alice** had peeped into the book **her** sister was reading…. *(Alice in Wonderland).* *(How does this sound?)*
  - 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
Use the Pronoun Case Chart to select and use the correct possessive pronoun:
- When a **horse** trots, the **horse’s** legs move in pairs… *(Horses, Simon)*
  - When a **horse** trots, **its** legs move in pairs… *(Horses, Simon)*
- **Mayo Cornelius** Higgins raised **Mayo Cornelius’** arms high to the sky and spread them wide. *(M.C. Higgins, The Great)*
  - **Mayo Cornelius** Higgins raised **his** arms high to the sky and spread them wide. *(M.C. Higgins)*
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Is it *mine* or *yours*?

How Possessive Pronouns Came Be!
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PRACTICE USING POSESSIVE PRONOUNS

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