

Possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns

Possessive adjectives

The possessive adjectives in English (also called ‘possessive determiners’) are: my, your, his, her, its, our and their. They say who something belongs to.

- I have a bag – this is my bag.
- You have a cat – that is your cat.
- He has a car – it is his car.
- She has a book – it is her book.
- The dog has a bed – it is its bed.
- We have a flat – it is our flat.
- They have a daughter – She is their daughter.

Possessive pronouns

Possessive pronouns also say who something belongs to, but they replace the noun. So, we use them alone. In this case, we don’t use ‘its’. In English, the possessive pronouns are mine, yours, his, hers, ours and theirs.

- I have a bag – this is mine.
- You have a cat – that cat is yours.
- He has a car – it is his.
- She has a book – it is hers.
- We have a flat – it is ours.
- They have a daughter – She is theirs.

Possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns exercise

Choose the correct word.

1. Is this cup (your / yours)?
2. The coffee is (my / mine).
3. That coat is (my / mine).
4. He lives in (her / hers) house.
5. You might want (your / yours) phone.
6. The new car is (their / theirs).
7. She cooked (our / ours) food.
8. Don’t stand on (my / mine) foot!
9. She gave him (her / hers) suitcase.
10. I met (their / theirs) mother.
11. Is this (their / theirs) coffee?
12. Is the flat (her / hers)?
13. The grey scarf is (my / mine).
14. That red bike is (our / ours).
15. We should take (our / ours) coats.
16. That is (my / mine) car.
17. He dropped (my / mine) bag.
18. Are these phones (their / theirs)?
19. These cakes are (our / ours)!
20. Are those children (your / yours)?

Answers

1. Is this cup yours?
2. The coffee is mine.
3. That coat is mine.
4. He lives in her house.
5. You might want your phone.
6. The new car is theirs.
7. She cooked our food.
8. Don't stand on my foot!
9. She gave him her suitcase.
10. I met their mother.
11. Is this their coffee?
12. Is the flat hers?
13. The grey scarf is mine.
14. That red bike is ours.
15. We should take our coats.
16. That is my car.
17. He dropped my bag.
18. Are these phones theirs?
19. These cakes are ours!
20. Are those children yours?