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Possessive Adjectives

DONT GET CONFUSED

Subject Pronoun	Possessive Adjective
<p>I</p> <p>You</p> <p>He</p> <p>She</p> <p>It</p> <p>We</p> <p>You</p> <p>They</p>	<p>My</p> <p>Your</p> <p>His</p> <p>Her</p> <p>Its</p> <p>Our</p> <p>Your</p> <p>Their</p>
<p>+ VERB</p> <p><i>I build houses</i></p>	<p>+ NOUN</p> <p><i>My family</i></p>

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Possessive adjectives are used to show possession or ownership of something. While we use them when we refer to people, it is more in the sense of relationship than ownership.

We use possessive adjectives:

To show something belongs to somebody:

- *That's **our** house.*
- ***My** car is very old.*

For relations and friends:

- ***My** mother is a doctor.*
- *How old is **your** sister?*

For parts of the body:

- *He's broken **his** arm.*
- *She's washing **her** hair.*
- *They are washing **their** hands.*

Can you match these possessive adjectives to the right personal pronouns?

its, your, my, their, our, her, his

Subject	Object	Possessive Adjective
I	me	
You	you	
He	him	
She	her	
It	it	
We	us	
They	them	

Comparing Subject Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives

Rule 1

Subject pronouns are: **I, you, he, she, it, we, they.**

Subject pronouns usually occur before a verb.

Rule 2

Possessive adjectives are: **my, your, his, her, its, our, their.**

Possessive adjectives occur before a noun (my car) or an adjective + noun (my new car)

Rule 3

Possessive adjectives have no singular or plural. They are used with both singular and plural nouns (my book, my books)

Note: For an animal or a thing, we use the possessive adjective **its**

- A giraffe gets its name from an Arabic word.

For a pet, people usually use *his* or *her*, not *its*;

- *My dog's name is Brownie. His name comes from his color.* (Pet owners do not use *its* to refer to their own animals)

EXERCISE

Possessive Adjectives in Context

➤ Underline the correct word in these sentences

1. There are five people in **I / my** family.
2. **My / I** birthday is in September. I am a Virgo.
3. My mom's name is Janet. **She / Her** birthday is in July. She is Cancer.
4. My dad is a Scorpio. **His / He** birthday is in October.
5. I have two brothers. They are twins. **Their / They** birthday is January 15th.
6. **They / Their** zodiac sign is Capricorn.
7. **I / My** family also has a dog. **We / Our** dog is just over two years old, but we don't know when **his / he** birthday is.
8. How about you? When is **your / you** birthday?

Summary:



DON'T GET CONFUSED AMONG THEM

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