

Possessive Pronouns

A **possessive pronoun** shows ownership. These possessive pronouns function as adjectives before nouns: *my, our, his, her, their, its,* and *your*. These possessive pronouns can be used after verbs: *mine, ours, hers, his, theirs,* and *yours*. (See *Write Source* 578.3.)



Examples

She left her purse on the bus.

My cat likes to sit on top of the refrigerator.

This book is mine, and that one is hers.

Directions

Underline the possessive pronouns in the following sentences. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. Did your mom take our videos back to the store?
2. When its wheels spin, it whistles.
3. Their cat wriggled out of its collar.
4. I will give my book report right after you give yours.
5. Her house is farther from school than ours.
6. Are these markers yours or his?
7. His cousins like our school better than they like their own.
8. Our team has more players than your team has.
9. Her class has a different lunch hour than my class has.
10. That school is theirs, and it has its own swimming pool.
11. My project will be finished before yours is finished.



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Before Nouns**Her** book is interesting.**My** book is long.**Stand Alone**The interesting book is **hers**.**Mine** is long.

A. Rewrite each sentence, using the correct possessive pronoun in parentheses.

1. Today (our, ours) school is sponsoring a book fair.

2. Has (your, yours) ever had such an event?

3. (Our, ours) required a lot of preparation.

4. Actually (my, mine) teacher suggested the idea.

5. The idea of inviting famous authors was also (her, hers).

6. Peggy Parish and Steven Kellogg will talk about (their, theirs) works.

7. Peggy Parish will read from (her, hers) novel *Key to the Treasure*.

8. *Pirate Island Adventure* is also (her, hers).

9. After the fair, I will ask for (your, yours) comments.

10. Then I will give you (my, mine).

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