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Possessive pronouns, like [possessive adjectives](#), show that something belongs to someone. A possessive pronoun replaces the 'possessive adjective + noun phrase':



via

<https://www.quora.com/What-is-difference-between-possessive-pronouns-and-possessive-adjectives>

Possessive pronouns are put immediately **after the verb**.

- *This is **my** pencil → This pencil is **mine**.*
- *That is **her** dress → That white dress is **hers**.*
- ***Our** houses are on the hill.*
- *Two houses on the hill are **ours**.*

How to form possessive pronouns

Possessive pronouns are formed like this:

Personal Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives	Possessive Pronouns
I	my	mine
You	your	yours
He	his	his
She	her	hers
It	its	its
We	our	ours
You	your	yours
They	their	theirs

via <http://lfdzeclash.blogspot.com/p/possessive-adjective-and-possessive.html>

- *This black coat is **mine**.*
- *The rest of the cake is **yours**.*
- *The car in the yard is **his**.*
- *All these beautiful gowns are **hers**.*
- *That cat on the tree is not **ours**.*
- *Guys, are these bags **yours**?*
- *Children said, the toys on the floor were not **theirs**.*

How to use possessive pronouns

1. Use a possessive pronoun, when something is *obvious*:

- *I think this phone is **hers**.* (We don't need to repeat 'phone'. It's obvious we are speaking about a phone.)

2. Use a possessive pronoun to *avoid repetition*:

- *Is that your scarf? It's very similar to **mine**.* (To avoid repetition of 'scarf', we use 'mine' instead of 'my scarf'.)

3. Use a possessive pronoun *in place of a noun* (never before a noun):

- *That's not their house. **Theirs** has got a red front door.*
(We use 'theirs' in place of 'their house'.)

Watch this video from Crown Academy of English with many examples and explanation of how to use possessive pronouns:

See also:

[Nouns: Possession with 's](#)

[Possession: Adjectives, Pronouns, Apostrophe + s](#)