



Possessive Pronoun - Meaning, Types, Usage with Examples

This blog contains a detailed explanation of possessive pronoun. It will help you avoid confusion and enable you to classify that which pronouns are possessive pronouns. It will help you learn how to identify and use possessive pronouns in practical life with the help of a few examples as well.

Possessive Pronouns

Indicates Possession

Ownership of an Object

Relativity to a Person

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Definition of Possessive Pronoun

The word “possessive” refers to the act of showing or having ownership of an object. Possessive Pronouns are those pronouns that are used to indicate ownership of a thing or a relation of one person to another. As the word suggests, possessive pronouns are used to represent possession. They are used to avoid repetition of possessive nouns.

List of Possessive Pronouns

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SINGULAR	PLURAL
Mine/Yours	Ours
Hers/His	Yours
Its	Theirs

Use of Possessive Pronouns in Sentences

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MINE

OURS

YOURS

HIS

HERS

THEIRS

ITS

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Possessive pronouns occur in sentences to show whom someone or something relates to or belongs to. They are used in multiple ways in different sentences according to the situation. It has been further discussed separately through examples.

1) Mine

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That girl on the stage is **my** friend - That girl on the stage is a friend of **mine**.

In the above example, my is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'mine'.

2) Ours

This car is owned by **us** - This car is **ours**.

In the above example, us is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'ours'.

3) Yours

It is **your** decision - The decision is **yours**.

In the above example, your is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'yours'.

4) His

These books are owned by **him** - These books are **his**.

In the above example, him is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'his'.

5) Hers

This is **her** room and office - This room and office is **hers**.

In the above example, her is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'hers'.

6) Theirs

The first performance was better than **them** - The first performance was better than **theirs**.

In the above example, them is replaced with the possessive pronoun 'theirs'.

7) Its

This is the container of the milk - **Its** the container of the milk.

In the above example, this is replaced by the possessive pronoun 'its'.

Difference between "its" and "it's"



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ITS

IT'S

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"Its" and "It's" are often considered the same by most of the people. Almost everyone tend to use it for the same purpose and make silly mistakes. However, they both have a different purpose and are used differently.

"Its" is a possessive pronoun which does not require a apostrophe in the end. It is used to indicate ownership of a thing or a person. Basically, 'its' is used to indicate belongingness.

For example: The bird is in **its** house.

In the above example, the possessive pronoun "its" is used to denote the bird's belonginess. The sentence means that the house in which the bird is, belongs to the bird.

On the other hand "It's" is read as 'it is'. "It's" is just an abbreviation for the phrase 'it is'. Whenever "it's" is used in a sentence, it is supposed to be understood as 'it is'.

For example: **It's** not possible to eat junk everyday.

In the above example, "it's" means 'it is'. The sentence should be read in the following manner: **It is** not possible to eat junk everyday.

Difference between "Whose" and "Who's"

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WHOSE

WHO'S

[Source: KD Live]

The confusion between the terms "who's" and "whose" is similar to the topic discussed previously. People often use the two words in place of each other and end up giving the sentences a different meaning from what it was supposed to mean.

The word 'whose' is used for an interrogative purpose or to indicate ownership. It is a possessive pronoun as well as a relative pronoun. It is used to ask questions or denote belongingness.

For example:

- **Whose** cap is this?
- I wonder **whose** hotel is this.

In the above statements, whose is used to ask direct question or interrogate ownership of someone or something.



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On the other hand, "who's" is read as "who is". It works as a short form for the phrase "who is".

For example:

- **Who's** going to the party?
- **Who is** going to the party.

In the above example, "who's" is read as "who is".

The above blog consists of a detailed explanation of possessive pronouns. I have tried to cover all the aspects related to this topic. In a simple definition, possessive pronouns are used to indicate ownership. It is very easy to remember the meaning of possessive pronouns as the name itself suggests the meaning, "possession". The most basic mistake you can do while learning possessive pronouns is to assume that possessive pronouns have an apostrophe. However, unlike possessive nouns, possessive pronouns never have an apostrophe.

If you give a thorough read to this blog, you will understand the concept clearly. The aim of this blog is to make the topic as easy as possible for you. If you have any doubts or queries related to the same, kindly drop them in the comment box below. We will get back to you at the earliest and make sure that your doubts are cleared properly. For more such informative blogs, visit [KD Live](#).