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Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns show who or what owns, or possesses, something. *My, mine, your, yours, her, hers, his, its, our, ours, their, theirs* are possessive pronouns.

- Use *my, your, her, our, and their* before nouns.
Is that your cat? It was her gerbil. They pet our dog.
- Use *mine, yours, hers, ours, and theirs* alone.
The cat is yours. That gerbil is hers. The dog is ours.
- *His* and *its* can be used both before nouns and alone.
He lost his ferret. The ferret is his.
The dog lost its collar. The collar is its.
- Do not use an apostrophe with a possessive pronoun.

Directions Replace the underlined words or phrases with possessive pronouns. Rewrite the sentences.

1. An ant colony relies on the ant colony's queen.

2. Both males and females have wings on the males' and females' bodies.

3. The queen ant flies to a new location to start a colony, then sheds the queen's wings.

4. Ants are very strong for ants' size and can carry 25 times ants' weight.

5. Most of us think that ants are pests to be swept out of most of us's way.



Home Activity Your child learned about possessive pronouns. Ask your child to make up sentences about objects at home that belong to him or her, to the family, and to others. Have your child identify the possessive pronouns he or she uses.

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Directions Write the letter of the possessive pronoun that correctly completes each sentence in the paragraph.

(1) Last night I heard a haunting sound outside ____ window. (2) My brother and I ran into ____ yard to find out what it was. (3) He shined ____ flashlight up into a tree. (4) We saw two big eyes, and ____ unblinking stare unnerved me. (5) It was only a screech owl, but ____ hoot sounded eerie. (6) Since that night, owls have become a hobby of _____. (7) Mom loaned me some of ____ biology books. (8) Did you know that owls can turn ____ heads almost completely around? (9) This is an adaptation of ____ that allows them to turn their heads to follow a moving object. (10) Now Mom and I spend ____ free time on weekends bird watching.

1. A mine
B my
C theirs
D hers

6. A mine
B our
C their
D it's

2. A her
B hers
C our
D theirs

7. A hers
B her
C their
D theirs

3. A mine
B his
C its
D their

8. A our
B her
C their
D my

4. A your
B its
C their
D theirs

9. A hers
B his
C their
D theirs

5. A theirs
B its
C hers
D her

10. A mine
B my
C ours
D our



Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on possessive pronouns. Have your child choose a magazine article and find possessive pronouns in it. Ask him or her to name the person or thing each possessive pronoun stands for.

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Directions Write the letter of the possessive pronoun that can replace the underlined word or words in each phrase.

- _____ 1. Aaron's and Mike's question **A** her
- _____ 2. Mr. Shaefer's lesson **B** their
- _____ 3. the book's index **C** our
- _____ 4. Sam's and my interest **D** its
- _____ 5. Mom's degree **E** his

Directions Underline the pronoun that correctly completes each sentence.

6. We will catch fireflies in (theirs, our) hands.
7. Which of these jars is (your, yours)?
8. Be sure to punch air holes in (it's, its) top.
9. Dusk is (their, theirs) time to glow and flash.
10. I have ten fireflies in (my, mine) jar.
11. The light flashes from (their, it's) abdomen.
12. We let the fireflies go. Our friends released (their, theirs) later.

Directions Write the possessive pronoun that can replace the underlined word or words.

13. A snake sheds a snake's skin when it outgrows it.

14. This bleached-out turtle shell is the one belonging to me.

15. Zara and Ted explained that the rat was Zara's and the hamster was Ted's.



Home Activity Your child reviewed possessive pronouns. Ask your child to list the possessive pronouns on this page, use each one in an example sentence, and tell you what possessive noun the possessive pronoun replaces.