

## Possessive adjectives and pronouns

Possessive adjectives are:

**I → My - You → Your - He → His - She → Her - It → Its - We → Our - You → Your - They → Their**

Possessive adjectives go in front of nouns:

*My brother is a fireman. - Your bike is green. - His father is a businessman. - Our child is a student. Your son is a good boy. - Their granddaughter is a secretary.*

We use *his* when the possessor is male, we use *her* when the possessor is female and we use *its* when the possessor is an animal or a thing. We use *their* when the possessor is not one but two, three, four...

Possessive pronouns are:

**mine - yours - his - hers - ours - yours - theirs.**

They don't go before a noun, they stand on their own or they go after the noun:

*It's my bag → The bag is mine. - Is it your bike? → Is the bike yours?*

*I've got my ticket, has Mike got his? - It is not Harriet's mobile phone. Hers is not grey, it is pink. - They aren't our kids. Ours are at home now. - Is the green book theirs?*

We don't use articles before possessive pronouns. We say:

*The bag is not yours, NOT The bag is not the yours. - The green bike is mine, NOT The green bike is the mine.*

When we ask questions about possession, we use the question word *whose*. *Whose* is often used with a noun (e.g., *whose book*)

*Whose book is this? Mine. - It's mine. - It's my book.*

*Whose books are these? Rita's. - They're Rita's. - They're Rita's books.*

*Whose* can be used without a noun if the meaning is clear.

*Whose is this?* (The speaker is pointing to a book.)