

Possessives Exercises (My, Your, His, Her and 's)

Level: A1

Possessives: my, your, his, her and 's

Use my, your, his, her, its, our and their before a noun to say who it belongs to: my bag, her brother.
Use 's after a person: Tom's bag.

The words: I → my, you → your, he → his, she → her, it → its, we → our, they → their.

Before a noun: Put the word before the noun: my bag, her car, their house. It does not change for plural nouns: my shoes, not mys shoes.

His or her?: Look at the person, not the thing. A man: Tom and his sister. A woman: Anna and her brother.

Name + 's: For a person, add 's: Tom's bag, my mother's car. Do not say the bag of Tom.

Plural + ': When a plural noun ends in -s, add only ': my parents' house, the girls' room. With children, men and women, add 's: the children's room.

Its or it's? Their or they're?: Its and their are possessives: the dog and its bed, their house. It's means it is. They're means they are.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word for each sentence.

- Maria is with ___ brother.
a) his b) her c) their
- This is John and ___ wife, Emma.
a) his b) her c) its
- The cat is in ___ box.
a) it's b) its c) its'
- ___ my parents. They are teachers.
a) Their b) They're c) There
- This is _____.
a) Tom's bag b) the bag of Tom c) Tom bag
- We are students. ___ teacher is Mr Brown.
a) Our b) Their c) Its

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct possessive word.

- Ben is my brother. ___ room is small. (he)
- Lucy and ___ sister are at school. (she)

9. The children are in ___ room. (they)
10. This is my dog. ___ bed is small. (it)
11. Is this ___ phone? (Mark)
12. My ___ names are Ana and Luis. (parents)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **bag / my / is / . / sister's / red**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **car / that / ? / your / is**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **big / house / not / . / is / their**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **red / car / is / . / my / parents'**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'Its' and 'it's' mean the same thing. True / False
18. We say 'Tom's bag', not 'the bag of Tom'. True / False
19. When the person is a woman, we use 'her': Anna and her brother. True / False
20. 'My' has a plural form: 'mys shoes'. True / False
21. 'They're' means 'they are'. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

1. b) her
2. a) his
3. b) its
4. b) They're
5. a) Tom's bag
6. a) Our

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. His
8. her
9. their
10. Its
11. Mark's
12. parents'

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. My sister's bag is red.
14. Is that your car?
15. Their house is not big.
16. My parents' car is red.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. True
19. True
20. False
21. True