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Essential English Grammar

Possessives and Object Pronouns

unit 59



Pronouns

Today we're going to learn about possessives and object pronouns in English. These are important grammar points that will help you express ownership, relationships, and the receiver of an action. We'll cover possessive adjectives, possessive pronouns, and object pronouns

1. Possessive Adjectives

Possessive adjectives show ownership or relationship. They always go before the noun they modify.

Structure:

Subject + Possessive Adjective + Noun

Uses:

- To indicate possession: **This is my pen.**
- To describe relationships: **She is my sister.**
- To refer to parts of the body: **He hurt his leg.**
- To describe characteristics of something: **The company announced its new product.**



1. Possessive Adjectives

List of Possessive Adjectives:

- My: belonging to me
- Your: belonging to you
(singular and plural)
- His: belonging to him
- Her: belonging to her
- Its: belonging to it (used for things, animals, or situations)
- Our: belonging to us
- Your: belonging to you (plural)
- Their: belonging to them

Examples:

My car is red.

Her book is interesting.

Their house is big.

The dog wagged its tail.

Our family is happy.



2. Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns replace the noun and show possession. They don't come before a noun.

Structure:

Subject + Verb + Possessive Pronoun

Uses:

- To avoid repeating the noun:

My car is red, and hers is blue.

(Instead of: My car is red, and her car is blue.)

- To answer questions about possession:

Whose is this? It's mine.



2. Possessive Pronouns

List of Possessive Pronouns:

- Mine: belonging to me
- Yours: belonging to you
- His: belonging to him
- Hers: belonging to her
- Its: belonging to it (less common, usually "of it" is preferred)
- Ours: belonging to us
- Yours: belonging to you
- Theirs: belonging to them

Examples:

This car is mine.

That book is hers.

The house is theirs.

Is this pen yours?

The decision is ours.



3. Object Pronouns

Object pronouns replace the noun that receives the action of the verb. They go after the verb or after a preposition.

Structure:

Subject + Verb + Object Pronoun (or Preposition + Object Pronoun)

Uses:

- As the direct object of the verb: **He hit me.**
- As the indirect object of the verb: **She gave him a present.**
- After prepositions: **This is for you.**



2. Possessive Pronouns

List of Object Pronouns:

- Me: me
- You: you
- Him: him
- Her: her
- It: it
- Us: us
- You: you
- Them: them

Examples:

She loves me.

I see you.

He helps him.

They called her.

We like it.

You (plural) help us.

I gave the books to them.

She is talking to him.

They are waiting for us.





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