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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, and 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 and 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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Indefinite and Reflexive Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns may not refer to specific words. They do not have definite antecedents.

Someone called and left a message.

Some common indefinite pronouns are listed below.

Singular Indefinite Pronouns

someone, somebody, anyone,
anybody, everyone, everybody,
something, no one, either, each

Plural Indefinite Pronouns

few, several, both, others, many
all, some

- Use singular verb forms with singular indefinite pronouns and plural verb forms with plural indefinite pronouns: Everyone feels lonely at times. Others offer them friendship.

Reflexive pronouns reflect the action of the verb back on the subject. Reflexive pronouns end in *-self* or *-selves*: Vic wrote a note to himself.

Singular Reflexive Pronouns

himself, herself, myself,
itself, yourself

Plural Reflexive Pronouns

ourselves, yourselves, themselves

- There are no such words as *hisself*, *theirself*, *theirselves*, or *ourself*.

Directions Underline the correct pronoun in () to complete each sentence.

1. (Anyone, Many) benefits by making new friends.
2. (Many, Anyone) treasure old friends too.
3. My friends and I taught (ourself, ourselves) chess.
4. We play in the cafeteria, but (few, no one) know this.
5. (Everyone, Others) is welcome to join us.
6. A new student introduced (himself, hissself).
7. (Some, Someone) calls him Dylan.
8. (Something, Many) tells me Dylan has learned chess from a master.
9. We know the moves, but he knows the game (itself, themselves).
10. (Someone, Others) tell me I'm good at chess, but Dylan beat me.
11. I hope Dylan enjoyed (herself, himself) today.
12. You should learn chess (ourself, yourself).

