

Possessive Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns

First Grade – Educational and Psychological sciences Department

Unit Two

Possessive Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns

Time 60–75 minutes

Behavioral Objectives:

At the end of the lecture, the students will be able to:

1. Define possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns.
2. Identify the main differences between the two forms.
3. Have the ability to use the possessive adjectives correctly before nouns.
4. Use possessive pronouns correctly in sentences without nouns.
5. Choose the appropriate possessive form in sentences.
6. Avoid the main common grammatical errors.

Introduction

We normally use possessive forms in the English language when we want to show that something **belongs to someone or something**.

For example:

- This is **my car** .
- This car is **mine**.
- That is **her pen**
- That pen is **hers**.

In these two examples, **my** and **mine** demonstrate possession, but they are used in the different ways .

Possessive Adjectives

Definition

A **possessive adjective** is a word that shows possession or relationship and comes **before a noun**.

Personal Pronoun	Possessive Adjective	Example
I	my	This is my book.
You	your	This is your pen.
He	his	That is his car.
She	her	This is her book.
It	its	The dog is eating its food.
We	our	This is our house .
You	your	These are your books.
They	their	That is their classroom

Important Rule

Possessive adjective + noun

Examples:

- **my** name
- **your** phone
- **his** brother
- **her** university
- **our** teacher
- **their** classroom

Note : We cannot normally use a possessive adjective **alone**.

We cannot say .This book is **my**. The correct one is .This book is **mine** .

Possessive Pronouns

Definition

A **possessive pronoun** shows possession and **replaces a noun**. Therefore, it is not followed by a noun.for example: That car is **hers**

The table below demonstrates the main possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns.

Personal Pronoun	Possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun
I	my	mine
You	your	yours
He	his	his
She	her	hers
It	its	—
We	our	ours
You	your	yours
They	their	theirs

Examples

- This is **my book**. → This book is **mine**.
- That is **your pen**. → That pen is **yours**.
- This is **his car**. → This car is **his**.
- This is **her bag**. → This bag is **hers**.
- This is **our classroom**. → This classroom is **ours**.
- That is **their house**. → That house is **theirs**

The Main Difference between these two forms.

The easiest method for the students to understand the difference is:

Possessive adjective + noun

Possessive pronoun – no noun

possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun
This is my car .	This car is mine .
That is your book .	That book is yours .

possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun
This is her phone.	This phone is hers .
This is his bag.	This bag is his .
This is our classroom .	This classroom is ours .
That is their house .	That house is theirs .

Compare between the two structures or forms :

My + car → possessive adjective + noun

Mine → possessive pronoun