RULE SHEET

Possessive pronouns



A possessive pronoun stands **without a noun**: This is my bag. → This bag is **mine**. Ask with **Whose …?**: **Whose** bag is this? – It's **mine**. / It's **Ella's**.

	+ noun	no noun	example
I	my	**mine**	The red pencil is **mine**.
you	your	**yours**	Is this umbrella **yours**?
he	his	**his**	The black cap is **his**.
she	her	**hers**	The new phone is **hers**.
we	our	**ours**	The big tent is **ours**.
they	their	**theirs**	The white rabbit is **theirs**.

Compare

- Your room is big, but **mine** is bigger.
- **Whose** shoes are these? – They're **Max's**. They're **his**.

Watch out! No apostrophe: **yours**, **hers**, **ours**, **theirs** (not: your's, her's). No noun after mine: This is **my** bag. (not: mine bag) **Whose** asks about the owner; **who's** = who is / who has.

PRACTICE 1

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my or mine?

1 Tick the correct word.

1. This is _____ ruler. ○ my ○ mine
2. The ruler is _____. ○ my ○ mine
3. Is this _____ coat, Sara? ○ your ○ yours
4. Is this coat _____, Sara? ○ your ○ yours
5. That's Tom's bike. It's _____. ○ his ○ he
6. Ella has got a cat. The cat is _____. ○ her ○ hers
7. We've got a new car. _____ car is red. ○ Our ○ Ours
8. The Khans have got a garden. The garden is _____. ○ their ○ theirs

2 Complete the table.

person	+ noun	no noun
I	my	
you		yours
he	his	
she		hers
we	our	
they		theirs