

Adjectifs possessifs

Possessive adjectives are used to indicate **to whom or to what** something belongs. Their usage is similar to English, but there are some differences in form.

English	Masculine	Feminine	Before vowel /silent h	Plural
my	mon	ma	mon	mes
your (sing., fam.)	ton	ta	ton	tes
his, her, its	son	sa	son	ses
our	notre	notre		nos
your (plur., form)	votre	votre		vos
their	leur	leur		leurs

- The French language has many more possessives than English. An important difference is that the **gender, number, and first letter of the noun** possessed determine which form to use.
Example:
Sophie aime beaucoup **son** nouvel ordinateur (ordinateur is a masculine object, therefore we put son; Sophie, being a girl, doesn't determine whether we put **son** or **sa**; only the computer does)

- Note!**

- When a feminine noun begins with a vowel, the masculine possessive is used in order to keep from saying something like ma amie, where the flow of the sentence would be broken.

-When describing two or more nouns, a possessive adjective must be used in front of **each one**.

Ex: his brother and sister = son frère et sa sœur

Exercice 1

Translate the English adjectives into French :

- Je ne sais pas où j'ai mis my clés.
- Est-ce que c'est your mère ou your père qui fait la vaisselle?
- En général our professeurs nous conseillent bien.
- J'adore vraiment his nouvelle voiture.
- Est-ce que your (formal) amis reviennent l'été prochain?
- Our grand-mère nous a donnés 100 euros chacun pour notre anniversaire.
- Quel est your (informal) pub préféré ?
- Je dois emmener my fille chez le coiffeur à 15 heures.
- Est-ce que tu as vu their nouvelle maison de campagne?
- Elle doit faire her devoirs avant de sortir.

Exercice 2

Translate the following words into French :

- My car :
- Our students :
- His brother :
- Their sister:
- Your (informal) school:
- Her mother:



7. My I-pod:
8. Our friend:
9. Their children:
10. Your (formal) teachers:
11. His house :
12. Her father :
13. Their dogs :
14. Our hospital :
15. My canteen :
16. Your (informal) bedroom :
17. Your (formal) exercises :
18. His uncle :
19. Their neighbourhood :
20. Her cat :