

Grammar L1GLO3

Pronouns, Possessive Adjectives and Possessive 's

Learning Outcome 3: Pronouns

NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. My brother is called Mohammad. He is sixteen and he goes to school. His school is near here.
2. My sister is called Mariam. She loves painting. Some of Mariam's pictures are on the walls in her school.
3. This is my notebook. Its pages have lots of notes in it. I think I need a new notebook! Can you give me a page from your notebook?
4. My parents have a vegetable store. Their store is next to our house. We eat so many vegetables in our family because they bring so many vegetables home!

Which underlined word(s) do you use for ...

- a. things or people that belong to "me"? _____
- b. things or people that belong to "you"? _____
- c. one woman or girl? _____ , _____
- d. two or more people (when "I" am one of these people)? _____ , _____
- e. two or more people or things? _____ , _____
- f. one man or boy? _____ , _____
- g. one thing? _____ , _____

Pronouns

There are words you can use for one or more people or things. You talked or wrote about these people or things before and now you want to use another word for them. Then you use a pronoun. You use ...

- *he* for a man or boy.
- *she* for a woman or girl.
- *it* for a thing.
- *we* for two or more people, when you are one of these people.
- *they* for more than one thing or person.

Possessive Adjectives and Possessive 's

Possessive adjectives are words you use to show that something belongs to a person or people. Each pronoun has a possessive adjective:

I – my you – your he – his she – her it – its we – our they – their

You can also use 's at the end of a name or noun to say that something belongs to a person, e.g. *Ahmad's computer, my mom's car.*

B Read the sentences. Choose the correct option.

1. Reem is one of my friends. (She / Her) lives on (their / my) street, so I see her every day.
2. My cousins like football. (They play / He plays) football too. (Our / Their) team plays here.
3. (The brother of Faisal / Faisal's brother) has a really nice car. (Its / His) color is red.
4. Do you need any help with (their / your) project? Noor said (it / she) can help you.
5. We have some new computers in (our / its) classroom. (Hazem's uncle / The uncle of Hazem) says they are really good computers.

C Think about your family and friends. Make notes about the people below. Use pronouns, possessive adjectives and the possessive 's.

1. a man or boy
2. a woman or girl
3. two or more people
4. a thing that's important to your family and friend.

D Work in pairs. Use your notes from exercise C to tell your partner about your family and friends.