Possessive Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns

An Elementary Grammar Worksheet from Anna Grammar™

These words are called **possessive adjectives**: *my, his, her, its, our, your, their*

I —> **my** chair
Andrew, the boy *he* —> **his** toy
Mom, the woman *she* —> **her** car
the dog *it* —> **its** ball

Sarah and I *we* —> **our** house
you *you* —> **your** bag
the boys *they* —> **their** bicycles

(There is no apostrophe (') in *its* here. *its* ball —> **it**'s ball).  

These words are called **possessive pronouns**: *mine, his, hers, ours, yours, theirs*

I —> my chair The chair is **mine**.
Andrew *his* book —> The book is **his**.
Mom, her car —> The car is **hers**.

Sarah and I *we* —> our house The house is **ours**.
you *you* —> **your** bag The bag is **yours**.
the boys *they* —> **their** bicycles —> The bicycles are **theirs**.

(We can’t use *its* in this way. The cat, *its* ball. The ball is *it*’s.
There is no apostrophe (') in possessive pronouns. *The car is yours*. *The ear is your’s.*)

The pronoun doesn’t change from singular to plural:

*Their bedroom. The bedroom is theirs.*

*Their bedrooms. The bedrooms are theirs.*

**Exercise 1**

Fill the gaps in these sentences:

a. This book belongs to me. It is ______ book.  
   b. This bag belongs to Andrew. It is ______ book.  
   c. This car belongs my mother. It is ______ car.  
   d. These shoes belong to you. They are ______ shoes.  
   e. The bedroom belongs to the girls. It is ______ bedroom.  
   f. The dog, Wolfie, belongs to my family. It is ______ dog.  
   g. The cat has a sore leg. The cat is licking ______ leg.  
   h. I am holding some money. It is ______ money!

**Exercise 2**

The Brown family are sorting the laundry. Sarah is looking at some t.shirts. Fill the gaps in these sentences with a possessive pronoun.

**Dad**: Which t.shirt is yours, Jane? The red one or the blue one?

**Jane**: The blue one is (a) ______. It belongs to me.

**Mark**: No! Dad bought me a new t.shirt on Saturday. The blue one!

**Dad**: You’re wrong, Mark. I bought you a green one. The green one is (b) ______.

**Mark**: Oh sorry, you’re right. The green one is (c) ______.

**Jane**: So the green t.shirt is (d) ______, Mark, and the blue t.shirt is (e) ______. What about this red one?

**Dad**: That red one belongs to Mum. It’s (f) ______.

**Mark**: What about these two white ones? One is a large and one is a medium.

**Dad**: Those white t.shirts belong to Mum and me. They are (g) ______.

**Answer Key:**

**Exercise 1 Answers**

a. my, b. his, c. her, d. your, e. their, f. our, g. its, h. my.

**Exercise 2:**

a. mine, b. yours, c. mine, d. yours, e. mine, f. hers, g. ours.