

Lesson Plan:

Possessive adjectives

LEVEL	TIME	SKILLS	FOCUS
Beginner (A1-A2)	45-60 minutes	Grammar, speaking, writing	My, your, his, her, its, our, their — agreeing with the possessor

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use possessive adjectives correctly before nouns
- Understand that the adjective agrees with the possessor, not the noun
- Distinguish possessive adjectives from subject/object pronouns
- Produce sentences describing ownership and relationships

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Possessive adjectives

- my — my book
- your — your phone
- his — his car
- her — her sister
- its — its tail
- our — our teacher
- their — their house

Common errors

- He lost her keys. (wrong) → He lost his keys.
- She loves their husband. (wrong) → She loves her husband.
- The dog wagged it's tail. (wrong) → its tail.

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Students describe objects on their desks: 'This is my pen. That is her book.'

- Elicit possessive adjectives naturally before formal presentation.

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Chart of possessive adjectives with example sentences.

- Key point: 'his' is for males, 'her' is for females — regardless of what follows.
- Special attention to 'its' vs. 'it's'.

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Fill-in-the-blank exercises with pictures for context.

- Example: Picture of a woman with a dog. 'She is walking ___ dog.' → her

4. Speaking practice (15 min)

Task: Students bring (or draw) a picture of their family.

- Each student describes the picture: 'This is my mother. Her name is...'
- Partner asks follow-up questions.

5. Writing task (10 min)

Task: Students write 6 sentences about a classmate using possessive adjectives.

- Example: 'His name is Marco. His bag is black. His English is very good.'

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write a short paragraph about your home using at least 5 possessive adjectives.
2. Correct 8 errors in a short text where possessive adjectives are wrong.
3. Label a family photo (real or drawn) using possessive adjectives and captions.