

Lesson Plan:

Possessive pronouns

LEVEL	TIME	SKILLS	FOCUS
Beginner (A2)	45–60 minutes	Grammar, speaking	Mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs — replacing noun phrases

OBJECTIVES

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

- Understand the difference between possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns
- Use possessive pronouns correctly to avoid repeating noun phrases
- Respond to questions about ownership using possessive pronouns
- Produce sentences and mini-dialogues using possessive pronouns naturally

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Possessive pronouns

- mine — That book is mine.
- yours — Is this bag yours?
- his — The red one is his.
- hers — The jacket is hers.
- ours — The corner table is ours.
- theirs — Those keys are theirs.

Adjective vs. pronoun contrast

- my book → mine
- your car → yours
- his phone → his
- her ticket → hers
- our house → ours
- their dog → theirs

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Put objects on a table. Ask: 'Whose pen is this?' Students answer with a possessive pronoun.

- Reinforce: possessive pronouns stand alone — no noun follows.

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Side-by-side chart of adjectives and pronouns.

- Show how the pronoun replaces the whole noun phrase: 'my book' → 'mine'.
- Note: 'its' as a possessive pronoun is rare — worth mentioning but not drilling.

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Sentence transformation: rewrite using possessive pronoun.

- Example: 'That is my umbrella.' → 'That umbrella is mine.'
- Example: 'These are her sunglasses.' → 'These sunglasses are hers.'

4. Dialogue practice (15 min)

Task: Students act out short 'lost property' dialogues.

- A: Is this your bag? B: No, mine is blue. Maybe it's hers.
- Encourage natural back-and-forth.

5. Review (5-10 min)

Task: Class shares sentences. Correct errors on the board.

- Common error: 'This is mines.' → 'This is mine.' (no -s)

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write 6 sentences comparing two people's belongings using possessive pronouns.
2. Create a short 'lost and found' dialogue (8-10 lines) using as many possessive pronouns as possible.
3. Correct 5 errors in sentences where possessive adjectives are used instead of pronouns (and vice versa).