Unit 8a: Possessive Pronouns Whose…? 

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To talk about possessions...

... we use possessives.

- My sister has a car, her car is red and it has very nice features. Its brand is a Ferrari Berlinetta.

- I found a bag here. Whose bag is this?
  
  That isn’t mine, my bag has some cartoons drawn in the cover, maybe it’s Maria’s. She said she lost hers.
Possessive adjectives

Those are the ones we frequently use

Your father is an architect, his job is very interesting.

There are many dogs in my neighbor’s house, my house is clean but her house is dirty and smelly.

Maria’s apartment is very small but very cool, its design is modern and comfortable.
Possessive Pronouns

These possessives don’t have the necessity to use a noun in order to express possession.

Your father is an architect, mine is a doctor.

What’s your mother’s favourite colour?

   Hers is black, but mine is purple.

Do you have a red car?

   Yes, but mine isn’t red, it’s probably Pedro’s.
Possessive adjectives always work with a noun or nouns to express possession, but the possessive pronouns do not use nouns.

- We are going to go on camping tomorrow, our trip is going to be really nice. (possessive adjective)

- When are you celebrating your graduation party?
  Ours is going to be in November, but theirs is in January.

- We are buying our parents very nice presents for their birthdays, hers is tomorrow and his is the next day. (possessive pronouns)
Possessive adjectives vs. Pronouns

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Always need a noun

Pedros’s
Maria’s

José, Luis and Carlos’

Equal for both cases

Never use a noun
How do we ask for possessions?

Whose cars are those?
One is my brother’s and the other is my sister’s.
Mine is in the garage.

Do you know whose book is it?
Of course, it’s Mr. Wilson, his has this particular mark on the cover, you see?.

Whose computer has broken down?
Mine teacher, I turn it on and it never worked.
A piece of advice

When using possessive adjectives or pronouns with apostrophe + s...

• That is not my brother, he’s Carlos’.

• My parents’ jobs are in a contraction company.

• Jesus’ day off is tomorrow, so Luis’ is the day after tomorrow.
Thank you