

HDHS #10: Los Adjetivos Posesivos

- A possessive adjective is an adjective that is used to show ownership. It comes before a noun in the sentence and lets us know to whom the noun belongs.
- Possessive adjectives follow the same rules as other adjectives. The adjective must agree with the noun in number and in gender.
- Study the table of possessive adjectives.

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES	SINGULAR		PLURAL	
	MASCULINE	FEMININE	MASCULINE	FEMININE
my	mi		mis	
your	tu		tus	
his, her, your (<i>formal</i>) its	su		sus	
our	nuestro	nuestra	nuestros	nuestras
their, your (<i>plural</i>)	su		sus	

- Four of the five possessive adjectives are gender neutral. There is no need to change them based on gender. However, they do change in number. If the noun is plural, they must also be plural.

Examples: mi tía tu carro su bicicleta su recámara
 my aunt your car his bicycle their bedroom

 mis tías tus carros sus bicicletas sus recámaras
 my aunts your cars his bicycles their bedrooms

- Notice that the word “su” can mean many things: his, her, your (*formal*), its, their, and your (*plural*). So how do you know which one it is referring to? Context! Surrounding sentences will allow you to determine the meaning.
- The possessive adjective for “our” ends in an O and is NOT gender neutral. It must change in gender and in number. That means that there are four forms of the word.

Examples: nuestro hermano nuestra casa
 our brother our house

 nuestros hermanos nuestras casas
 our brothers our houses

PRÁCTICA

A. Escribe las frases con los adjetivos posesivos apropiados.

1. My dog _____
2. Your (informal) cats _____
3. Their mother _____
4. His father _____
5. Our grandmother _____
6. Her grandfather _____
7. Our relatives _____
8. Your (formal) grandson _____
9. My parents _____
10. Their children _____
11. Our aunts _____
12. His nieces _____
13. Our apartment _____
14. Her nephew _____
15. Your (plural) pets _____

B. Ahora escribe las frases usando los artículos definidos/indefinidos y los adjetivos posesivos.

1. the class _____
a class _____
my class _____
2. the bathroom _____
a bathroom _____
his bathroom _____
3. the teachers _____
some teachers _____
our teachers _____
4. the parents _____
a few parents _____
their parents _____