

THE POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS IN FRENCH

Goal: By the end of this lesson, you should be able to use possessive pronouns whenever possible to avoid repetitions of possessive adjectives.

This is one of the easiest chapters we will have to cover, I believe. Last week, we learned what the possessive adjectives were and how to use them. Today, we are about to learn their corresponding pronouns. Like I said in my very first lesson (week 1), pronouns are called so because what they do basically is replace nouns → (pro – nouns). Here, the possessive pronouns are used to replace the possessive adjectives, allowing us to avoid repetitions in sentences.

In English, for example, we have: mine, yours, his, hers, etc.

It's MY dog → It's MINE (where MINE replaces the MY DOG).

It's YOUR car → It's YOURS (where YOURS replaces YOUR CAR).

| English | French | | | |
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| | Singular | | Plural | |
| Mine → | Le mien (thing owned is masculine) | La mienne (thing owned is feminine) | Les miens (thing owned is masculine and plural) | Les miennes (thing owned is feminine and plural) |
| Yours → | Le tien (thing owned is masculine) | La tienne (thing owned is feminine) | Les tiens (thing owned is masculine and plural) | Les tiennes (thing owned is feminine and is plural) |
| His → | Le sien (thing owned is masculine) | La sienne (thing owned is feminine) | Les siens (thing owned is masculine and plural) | Les siennes (thing owned is feminine and plural) |
| Hers → | Le sien (thing owned is masculine) | La sienne (thing owned is feminine) | Les siens (thing owned is masculine and plural) | Les siennes (thing owned is feminine and plural) |
| Ours → | Le nôtre (thing owned is masculine) | La nôtre (thing owned is feminine) | Les nôtres (neutral plural) | |
| Yours → | Le vôtre (thing owned is masculine) | La vôtre (thing owned is feminine) | Les vôtres (neutral plural) | |
| Theirs → | Le leur (thing owned is masculine) | La leur (thing owned is feminine) | Les leurs (neutral plural) | |

CONCRETE APPLICATIONS OF THE POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

It's my coat → C'est mon manteau

It's mine → C'est le mien

It's my table → C'est ma table

It's mine → C'est la mienne.

These are my coats → Ce sont mes manteaux

These are mine → Ce sont les miens

These are my tables → Ce sont mes tables

These are mine → Ce sont les miennes

It's your coat → C'est ton manteau
It's yours → C'est le tien

These are your coats → Ce sont tes manteaux.
These are yours → Ce sont les tiens

It's your table → C'est ta table
It's yours → C'est la tienne

These are your tables → Ce sont tes tables
These are yours → Ce sont les tiennes

It's his coat → C'est son manteau
It's his → C'est le sien

These are his coats → Ce sont ses manteaux
These are his → Ce sont les siens

It's his table → C'est sa table
It's his → C'est la sienne

These are his tables → Ce sont ses tables
These are his → Ce sont les siennes

It's her coat → C'est son manteau
It's hers → C'est le sien

These are hers coats → Ce sont ses manteaux
These are hers → Ce sont les siens

It's her table → C'est sa table
It's hers → C'est la sienne

These are her tables → Ce sont ses tables
These are hers → Ce sont les siennes

It's our coat → C'est notre manteau
It's ours → C'est le nôtre

These are our coats → Ce sont nos manteaux
These are ours → Ce sont les nôtres.

It's our table → C'est notre table
It's ours → C'est la nôtre

These are our tables → Ce sont nos tables
These are ours → Ce sont les nôtres

It's your coat → C'est votre manteau
It's yours → C'est le vôtre

These are your coats → Ce sont vos manteaux
These are yours → Ce sont les vôtres

It's your table → C'est votre table
It's yours → C'est la vôtre

These are your tables → Ce sont vos tables
These are yours → Ce sont les vôtres

It's their coat → C'est leur manteau
It's theirs → C'est le leur

These are their coats → Ce sont leurs manteaux
These are theirs → Ce sont les leurs

It's their table → C'est leur table
It's theirs → C'est la leur

These are their table → Ce sont leurs tables
These are theirs → Ce sont les leurs