



POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

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INTRODUCTION

- Possessive adjectives are used to **indicate to whom or to what something belongs.**
- They agree in gender and number with the nouns they are related to.



1. FORMS

	Masculine	Feminine	Before vowel	Plural
My	Mon père (<i>my father</i>)	Ma mère (<i>my mother</i>)	Mon oncle (<i>my uncle</i>)	Mes parents (<i>my parents</i>)
Your (sg./informal)	Ton père (<i>your father</i>)	Ta mère (<i>your mother</i>)	Ton oncle (<i>your uncle</i>)	Tes parents (<i>your parents</i>)
His, her	Son père (<i>his/her father</i>)	Sa mère (<i>his/her mother</i>)	Son oncle (<i>his/her parents</i>)	Ses parents (<i>his/her parents</i>)
Our	Notre père (<i>our father</i>)	Notre mère (<i>our mother</i>)	Notre oncle (<i>our uncle</i>)	Nos parents (<i>our parents</i>)
Your (pl.-formal sg.)	Votre père (<i>your father</i>)	Votre mère (<i>your mother</i>)	Votre oncle (<i>your uncle</i>)	Vos parents (<i>your parents</i>)
Their	Leur père (<i>their father</i>)	Leur mère (<i>their mother</i>)	Leur oncle (<i>their uncle</i>)	Leurs parents (<i>their parents</i>)

1. FORMS

- Note : the gender of the noun determines which form of the possessive adjective to use **not** the gender of the subject.



2. USES

1. When a **feminine noun** begins with a **vowel**,
the **masculine possessive** is used

- *Mon ami et mon amie.*
- *My friend (m.) and my friend (f.)*



2. USES

2. When describing **two or more nouns**, a possessive adjective must be used **in front of each one**

- *Son frère et sa soeur.*
- *His brother and sister*



2. USES

3. French possessive adjectives are almost **never used with body parts.**

- In English we say *He washes his hands* whereas in French we use
 - **Il se lave les mains.**
 - (literally, he washes the hands of himself).



C'est tout pour aujourd'hui!

Au revoir!

Merci!

