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- A **pronoun** takes the place of a noun in a sentence.
- A **possessive pronoun** takes the place of a possessive noun. It shows who or what has or owns something.
- Some possessive pronouns are used before nouns. Others can stand alone in a sentence.

Read each sentence. Underline the possessive pronoun(s).

1. The police officers pulled up in their patrol car.
2. They came up to our front door and rang the bell.
3. They asked me questions about robberies in my neighborhood.
4. "Your neighbors had a break-in this evening," one officer said.
5. "The school was having its annual talent show," I replied.
6. "We just got back to our house an hour ago," I said.
7. The other officer wrote something down on her note pad.
8. "Was anything missing from your home?" she asked.
9. "Everything in ours seems fine," I replied.
10. "Theirs had a broken window," he said, "so you should check all of yours."

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- These **possessive pronouns** are used before nouns: *my, his, her, its, our, your, and their.*
- These possessive pronouns can stand alone: *mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, yours, and theirs.*

Read each sentence. Choose the word in parentheses that best completes the sentence. Write it on the line provided.

1. My sister and I helped (her, our) mother buy a new phone. _____ **our**
2. (His, Hers) had stopped working over a week ago. _____ **Hers**
3. She liked the new phones but didn't understand (its, their) features. _____ **their**
4. We showed her how we use (our, ours) to take pictures. _____ **ours**
5. "I can watch movies on (my, mine) phone," I told her. _____ **my**
6. "(My, Mine) doesn't need to be so fancy," she said. _____ **Mine**
7. She only carried (her, hers) phone in case of emergencies. _____ **her**
8. "Our teachers use (their, theirs) to assign homework," I said. _____ **theirs**
9. "I could use the phone to e-mail (your, yours) teachers," Mom replied. _____ **your**
10. "You can do whatever you want with (your, yours)," my sister said. _____ **yours**

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- An **apostrophe** takes the place of a letter or letters left out of a contraction.
- **Possessive pronouns** never use apostrophes.
- **Reflexive pronouns** are used as objects and refer back to the subject.

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1. The doctors will speak about (their, they're) latest research. **their**
2. (Their, They're) scheduled to talk in an hour. **They're**
3. (It's, Its) important to learn about new treatments. **It's**
4. "(Your, You're) going to be surprised," one doctor told me. **You're**
5. The other said, "This will affect how you live (your, you're) life." **your**
6. I will write (me, myself) notes during the presentation. **myself**
7. They asked (himself, themselves) questions before they began. **themselves**
8. "If (your, you're) concerned about staying healthy, what can you do?" **you're**
9. "You should all treat (yourself, yourselves) well by eating good foods." **yourselves**
10. I'll be sure to follow (their, they're) advice. **their**

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Proofread the paragraph. On the lines below, correct mistakes in pronoun usage and apostrophe placement.

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A. Read each sentence. Choose the word in parentheses that best completes the sentence. Write it on the line provided.

- We watched two birds build (its, their) nest nearby. **their**
- (Its, It's) ten feet up in one of the oak trees. **It's**
- Mom is using (her, hers) camera to record their progress. **her**
- The paper printed one of her pictures on (it's, its) front page. **its**
- Mom photographed (her, herself) in front of the tree. **herself**

B. Rewrite each sentence. Correct all mistakes in pronoun usage and apostrophe placement.

6. The baby birds chirp loudly in theirs nest.

 The baby birds chirp loudly in their nest.

7. Their waiting for the mother bird to return.

 They're waiting for the mother bird to return.

8. Shes been gone an hour on his search for food.

 She's been gone an hour on her search for food.

9. W'ell keep the cats inside while the birds are in they's nest.

 We'll keep the cats inside while the birds are in their nest.

10. Your going to miss them when they move theirselves away.

 You're going to miss them when they move themselves away.