

## POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

You use possessive adjectives to tell what belongs to someone or to show relationships.

In English, the possessive adjectives are **my, your, his, her, its, our, y'all, their, and your (plural)**

Here are the possessive adjectives in Spanish:

mi	mis	nuestro	nuestra
		nuestros	nuestras
tu	tus	vuestro	vuestros
		vuestros	vuestras
su	sus	su	sus

Like other adjectives, possessive adjectives agree in **number** (singular or plural) with the nouns that **follow** them. However, only **nuestro** and **vuestro** also agree in **gender** (masculine or feminine).

_____ cámara (my camera)	_____ cámaras (my cameras)
_____ libro (your book)	_____ libros (your books)
_____ abuelo (our grandfather)	_____ abuelos (our grandfathers)
_____ abuela (our grandmother)	_____ abuelas (our grandmothers)

**Su** and **sus** can have many different meanings: **his, her, its, their** and **your**.

To be more specific, you can use *de* + noun or pronoun. Complete the following activity with either “su” or “sus”.

Las flores <b>de ella</b> (her flowers)	_____ flores
Los globos <b>de Paco y Juan</b> (their balloons)	_____ globos
El libro <b>de Nacho</b> (Nacho’s book)	_____ libro
La abuela <b>de ellos</b> (their grandmother)	_____ abuela
_____ carpeta (his folder)	_____ carpetas (his folders)
_____ pupitre (her desk)	_____ clase (their class)

When you don't know what the subject is, look at the word in parenthesis. (de mí, de ti, de él, de ella, de nosotros, etc...). Then, determine whether to use the **singular**, **plural**, **masculine** or **feminine** form of the possessive adjective by the noun that follows the blank. For example:

\_\_\_\_\_ hermanas (de mí). De mí tells us it has to be either "mi" or "mis". The word "hermanas" is feminine and plural, therefore the correct answer is "mis".

\_\_\_\_\_ globos (de nosotros). De nosotros tells us it has to be either "nuestro", "nuestra", "nuestros", or "nuestras". The word "globos" is masculine and plural, therefore the correct answer is "nuestros".

Try the following activity:

\_\_\_\_\_ flor (de ti)

\_\_\_\_\_ velas (de nosotros)

\_\_\_\_\_ abuelos (de ellos)

\_\_\_\_\_ esposo (de ella)

\_\_\_\_\_ tía (de vosotros)

\_\_\_\_\_ dulces (de nosotros)

\_\_\_\_\_ hermano (de mí)