



# **POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES**

**Thirteenth lesson – Trezième leçon**

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

