



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
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 <i>(sg./informal)</i>	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 <i>(pl.-formal sg.)</i>	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!

