



# HOW TO USE POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES IN SPANISH



# SHORT-FORM POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Subject	Possessive adjectives	English
Yo	Mi / Mis	My
Tú	Tu / Tus	Your
Él / Ella / Usted	Su / Sus	His / Her
Nosotros	Nuestro(s) / Nuestra(s)	Our
Vosotros	Vuestro(s) / Vuestra(s)	Your
Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes	Su / Sus	Your / Their

# USING SHORT-FORM POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES IN SPANISH

## KEY POINTS

- Being placed before the noun.
- Marking the feminine form only for 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'.
- Marking the number of the noun (singular or plural).



Su trabajo es muy aburrido.  
His job is very boring.



Nuestros hijos viven en Francia.  
Our kids live in France.

# LONG-FORM SPANISH POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Subject	Masc. possessive adjective	Fem. possessive adjective	English
<b>Yo</b>	Mío / Míos	Mía / Mías	My / Mine
<b>Tú</b>	Tuyo / Tuyos	Tuya / Tuyas	Your / Yours
<b>Él / Ella / Usted</b>	Suyo / Suyos	Suya / Suyas	His / Her / Hers
<b>Nosotros</b>	Nuestro / Nuestros	Nuestra / Nuestras	Our / Ours
<b>Vosotros</b>	Vuestro / Vuestros	Vuestra / Vuestras	Your / Yours
<b>Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes</b>	Suyo / Suyos	Suya / Suyas	Your / Yours

# ALL POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES IN SPANISH

## SHORT FORM ADJECTIVES

Placed before the noun.

Person	Adjective
Yo	Mi (s)
Tú	Tu (s)
Él / Ella	Su (s)
Nosotros	Nuestro (s)
Vosotros	Vuestro (s)
Ellos / Ustedes	Su (s)

## LONG FORM ADJECTIVES

Placed after the noun.

Person	Adjective
Yo	Mío (s)
Tú	Tuyo (s)
Él / Ella	Suyo (s)
Nosotros	Nuestro (s)
Vosotros	Vuestro (s)
Ellos / Ustedes	Suyo (s)

# DEMONSTRATIVE VS POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES IN SPANISH

## DEMONSTRATIVES

Indicates how far an object is.



Quiero este vestido.  
I want this dress.

## POSSESSIVES

Indicates who owns something.



Me gusta su vestido.  
I like her dress.

# EXPRESSING POSSESSION WITH DEFINITE ARTICLES IN SPANISH

Use definite articles instead of possessive adjectives when it's very clear to whom the object belongs.

With this meaning, *hay* means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, *hay* means "to have to", or "let's do...".

**[Definite article] + [noun]**

**Robert se quebró el brazo.**

*Robert broke his arm.*

**Perdí las llaves y el celular.**

*I lost my keys and my phone.*



# POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

Reflexive verbs can also use singular pronouns since an individual person can perform an action on him- or herself whereas reciprocal actions can only be performed on 2 or more people (each other).

Subject	Possessive pronoun	English
<b>Yo</b>	Mío / Míos	Mine
<b>Tú</b>	Tuyo / Tuyos	Yours
<b>Él / Ella / Usted</b>	Suyo / Suyos	His / Hers
<b>Nosotros</b>	Nuestro / Nuestros	Ours
<b>Vosotros</b>	Vuestro / Vuestros	Yours
<b>Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes</b>	Suyo / Suyos	Yours



# HOW TO USE POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

Like possessive adjectives, possessive pronouns are used to express possession.  
However, they replace the noun instead of accompanying it.

**[Verb conjugated] + (definite article) + [possessive pronoun]**

**Tomé tu cargador. El mío no funciona.**  
*I took your charger. Mine doesn't work.*

**Encontré mi libro. Juan tiene el tuyo.**  
*I found my book. Juan has yours.*

# KEY POINTS: POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES & PRONOUNS

- Depending on their length and position, they can be classified into **non-stressed** or **stressed** adjectives.
- Non-stressed adjectives or short-form possessive adjectives are **placed before** the noun.
- Long-form possessive adjectives or stressed adjectives are **placed after** the noun, and they're used for emphatic purposes.
- Examples of short-form adjectives are *mi*, *tu*, *su* and *nuestro*. Aside from 'nuestro' and 'vuestro', the rest of these possessive adjectives **don't mark the gender** of the noun.
- When the ownership is clear, Spanish definite articles can be used **instead of possessive** adjectives to indicate possession.
- **Spanish possessive pronouns** replace nouns.
  - *Mío*, *tuyo*, *suyo*, and *nuestro* are examples of these pronouns.

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