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FRENCH POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

NOTES:

French possessive pronouns are used to replace nouns so that you can indicate to whom or to what those nouns belong.

	Singular		Plural	
	masculine	feminine	masculine	feminine
mine	le mien	la mienne	les miens	les miennes
yours (tu)	le tien	la tienne	les tiens	les tiennes
his, hers, its	le sien	la sienne	les siens	les siennes
ours	le nôtre	la nôtre	les nôtres	les nôtres
yours (vous)	le vôtre	la vôtre	les vôtres	les vôtres
theirs	le leur	la leur	les leurs	les leurs

Possessive pronouns agree with nouns in number and gender.

EXAMPLES

Où sont **tes clés**? J'ai oublié **les miennes** à la maison.
Where are **your keys**? I forgot **mine** at home.

Tu porteras **ton chapeau**? Je porterai **le mien**.
Will you wear **your hat**? I will wear **mine**.

Tu aimes **ta voiture**? J'adore **la mienne**.
Do you like **your car**? I love **mine**.

Possessive pronouns are always preceded by definite articles: LE - LA - LES

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Tu as **tes lunettes**? Jean a oublié **les siennes**.
Do you have **your glasses**? Jean forgot **his**.

Tu prends **ton chapeau**? Olivia ne prendra pas **le sien**.
Are you taking **your hat**? Olivia will not take **hers**.

Tu aimes **ta chemise**? Jean n'aime pas **la sienne**.
Do you like **your shirt**? Jean doesn't like **his**.

Possessive pronouns replace nouns preceded by possessive adjectives.
CAREFUL: MAKE AGREEMENT WITH THE NOUN IN QUESTION AND NOT THE SUBJECT OF THE SENTENCE!



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Plural possessive pronouns only have three forms.

Use the **NOUS** form with the subject pronoun **ON**.

On a **nos chaussures**.

We have **our shoes**.

Avez-vous **les vôtres**?

Do you have **yours**?

On lit **notre livre**.

We are reading **our book**.

Lisez-vous **le vôtre**?

Are you reading **yours**?

Vous buvez **votre boisson**.

You are drinking **your drink**.

Nous buvons **la nôtre**.

We are drinking **ours**.

Ils ont pris **leurs raquettes**.

They took **their racquets**.

Mais ce ne sont pas **les leurs**!

But those are not **theirs**!

When **à** and **de** come before **le** and **les**,
you have to form contractions: **AU** or **AUX** and **DU** or **DES**

Tu parles **à tes amies**.

You talk **to your friends**.

Je parlerai **aux miennes**.

I will talk **to mine**.

On parle **de notre livre**.

We are talking **about our book**.

Parlez-vous **du vôtre**?

Are you talking **about yours**?

J'écris **à mon frère**.

I'm writing **to my brother**.

Tu écris **au tien**?

Are you writing **to yours**?

J'ai besoin **de mes affaires**.

I need **my belongings**.

Ils ont aussi besoin **des leurs**.

They also need **theirs**.

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