

## Possessive Pronouns and Contractions

Used  
Before  
Nouns

my your her his  
its our their

Used  
Alone

mine yours hers  
his ours theirs

Complete each sentence. Write a possessive pronoun from the boxes.

1. I own a baseball. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Sue has a mitt. It is \_\_\_\_\_ mitt.

Possessive pronouns are sometimes confused with contractions. Write the underlined contractions. Be sure to write the apostrophe (').

3. They're going to the game. \_\_\_\_\_

4. You're coming with us. \_\_\_\_\_

5. It's a good day for a walk. \_\_\_\_\_



A possessive pronoun shows ownership. It can replace a possessive noun. A contraction is a shortened form of two words.

**A.** Underline the twelve possessive pronouns in the sentences.

EXAMPLE: You're aware that his name is Satchel Paige.

1. We've read about his brilliant career.
2. The book we read was theirs.
3. The pictures on its pages were colorful.
4. He was one of the greatest pitchers in our history.
5. Her mom and your dad love baseball.
6. The "Indians" and the "Browns" were their teams.
7. The baseball cards on my table are theirs.
8. The collection is huge, and it's mine now.
9. Someday yours may be as big.
10. We can compare our collections.

**B.** Complete each sentence. Write the contraction in parentheses ( ).

EXAMPLE: They're \_\_\_\_\_ located in two different cities. (Their, They're)

11. " \_\_\_\_\_ true," she insisted. (Its, It's)
12. " \_\_\_\_\_ correct," I observed. (You're, Your)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ the teams on which he played. (Their, They're)

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**A.** Underline possessive pronouns once. Underline contractions twice.

1. My book has a picture of the lesser panda.
2. It's the size of a large cat.
3. Red and yellow rings mark its bushy tail.
4. The bamboo forest of China has been their home for centuries.
5. They're able to find their food easily.
6. Ling-Ling arrived with her friend Hsing-Hsing.
7. They're a gift from China to the United States.
8. That essay about pandas is mine.
9. Tom is writing his essay.
10. Are these notes yours, his, or mine?
11. You're curious about the panda's eating habits.
12. The next field trip to the zoo will be ours.

**B.** Write a contraction or a possessive pronoun to replace the underlined words.

13. You are sure to see pandas at the zoo. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Katie's book tells about the panda's eating habits. \_\_\_\_\_
15. A special bone is in the panda's forefoot. \_\_\_\_\_
16. It is useful for grasping bamboo shoots. \_\_\_\_\_
17. The pandas' diet also includes other mammals. \_\_\_\_\_
18. The cubs spark Kevin's curiosity. \_\_\_\_\_
19. They are born in late winter. \_\_\_\_\_
20. A baby cub's weight is about five ounces. \_\_\_\_\_
21. The cubs' fur keeps them warm. \_\_\_\_\_

### WRITE IT

On separate paper, write about your favorite zoo animal. Use possessive pronouns and contractions in your paragraph.