

Possessive pronouns show ownership (belonging). They are used in place of a noun which would have an apostrophe.

Possessive pronouns never have an apostrophe.

- Jason's = **his**
- Rebecca's = **her** or **hers**
- the dog's = **its**
- the family's = **their** or **theirs**

The possessive pronouns are listed in this table:

Person	Singular Possessive Pronoun	Plural Possessive Pronoun
first	my, mine	our, ours
second	your, yours	your, yours
third	his, her, hers, its	their, theirs

- The bag is **mine**.
- **Your** hair looks nice.
- Jason took **his** dog for a walk.

Using Pronouns

You can make the meaning of a text clear by using pronouns carefully and in the correct places. The example below shows how pronouns can cause ambiguity and how the meaning can be made clear.

Ambiguous	Clear
If your baby does not like raw apple, stew it gently for a few minutes.	If your baby does not like it raw, stew the apple gently for a few minutes.

Common Mistakes with Pronouns

- 1 – She said, 'Come and stay with my brother and me'. ✓
- She said, 'Come and stay with my brother and I'. ✗

It is wrong to say, 'Come and stay with I' so it is also wrong to say, 'Come and stay with my brother and I'.

- 2 – She said, 'My brother and I went out'. ✓
- She said, 'My brother and me went out'. ✗

It is wrong to say, 'Me went out', so it is also wrong to say, 'My brother and me went out'.

