

USING OURS, YOURS (PLURAL) AND THEIRS

Look at this dialogue.

"Is that **our** cart?"

"No, it's **theirs**."

In this dialogue, instead of saying "No, it's their cart," we replaced *their cart* with *theirs* to avoid repetition of unnecessary words.

Let's look at another example.

"Are these snacks **yours** or **ours**?"

"They must be **yours**. We didn't bring any snacks."

Once again, instead of saying "your snacks," or "our snacks," we used *yours* and *ours* to avoid repetition of unnecessary words.

Now look at the chart.

SUBJECTIVE PRONOUNS	POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES	POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS
I	my	mine
you	your	yours
he	his	his
she	her	hers
it	its	—*
we	our	ours
you	your	yours
they	their	theirs

* There is no possessive pronoun that corresponds to the subjective pronoun it.