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The possessive determiners serve to express ownership or possession (hence the name). They are also often called possessive adjectives because they agree in gender and number with the noun they introduce.

Masculine singular	Feminine singular	Plural	Translation
mon	ma	mes	my
ton	ta	tes	your (familiar)
son	sa	ses	his or her or its
notre	notre	nos	our
votre	votre	vos	your (formal or plural)
leur	leur	leurs	their

Possessive articles, like all articles, must agree with the noun they modify. Thus, if the noun is feminine, the possessive article must be feminine, too. In the following example, the feminine noun **famille** requires a feminine form – **sa**. Note that **sa** has three potential translations in English: 'his,' 'her,' or 'its.' So, how do you know which meaning is intended? Context! Since the following example sentence refers to Tex, we know that **sa** means 'his.'



Tex présente **sa** famille: Voici **mon** frère, Trey, et **ma** soeur, Rita, avec **ses** enfants et **leur** chien Fido. **Notre** famille est formidable!

Tex introduces **his** family. Here is **my** brother, Trey, and **my** sister, Rita with **her** children and **their** dog Fido. **Our** family is great!

liaison

Do not forget to make the liaison between the plural forms of the possessive determiners and words that begin with a vowel sound. **Ma, ta, sa** become **mon, ton, son** in front of feminine nouns beginning with a vowel sound.

Tex continues his introductions:

Tex: Voici Tammy, **mon** amie, et **ses** amies Bette et Fiona, c'est-à-dire **nos** amies.

Tex: Here is Tammy, **my** friend, and **her** friends, Bette and Fiona, that is to say, **our** friends.

Listen to the dialogue:

Tammy parle avec Bette: Tex n'est plus **mon** ami! Il a complètement oublié **mon** cadeau et **notre** anniversaire! Il a oublié toutes **ses** promesses! Quel nul!



Tammy is talking with Bette: Tex is not **my** friend any more! He completely forgot **my** present and **our** anniversary! He forgot all **his** promises. What a loser!

TEX N'EST PLUS MON AMI !



texercises

fill in the blanks

Fill in the blank with the correct possessive determiner.

1. Tex : _____ famille est intéressante.
2. Tammy : Tex, _____ neveux sont ici.
3. Tex et Tammy : Bette, Corey et Joe-Bob sont _____ amis.
4. Tammy et Tex : _____ amour est éternel.
5. Paw-Paw : Bonjour Tex, bonjour Tammy! _____ visite me fait plaisir ('pleases me').
6. Tammy : Tex oublie souvent _____ livre.
7. Tammy : Ah Tex, _____ amour!
8. Tex : Tammy est _____ amie.
9. Tammy: Tex, Trey, et Rita? _____ grand-père est adorable.
10. Corey et Joe-Bob aiment Tammy et Tex. Ils sont _____ amis.
11. Tammy : J'aime la soeur de Tex, mais _____ frère est bizarre.
12. Bette : La famille de Tammy aime Tex beaucoup, surtout _____ parents.