

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES - ADJETIVOS POSESIVOS

- Possessive adjectives tell to whom something or someone belongs.
 Example: Es **mi** libro. It is **my** book.
 Soy **su** hermana. I am **her** sister.
- In Spanish possessive adjectives have two forms - one coming before the noun (short form) and one following the noun (long form). We will focus here on the short form.
- Like regular adjectives in Spanish, possessive adjectives have to agree with the noun they modify. In other words, they have to be singular or plural, masculine or feminine.
 Example: Es su primo. He is her cousin.
 Son **sus** primos. They are her cousins.
 Es **nuestra** tía. She is our aunt.
 Son **nuestros** tíos. They are our aunt and uncle.

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES – SHORT FORM

| Owner | Poss. adj. | Owners | Poss. adj. |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| yo | (my) mi mis | nosotros (as) | (our) nuestro, nuestra nuestros, nuestras |
| tú | (your) tu tus | vosotros (as) | (your) vuestro, vuestra vuestros, vuestras |
| usted él ella | (your, his, her, its) su sus | ustedes ellos ellas | (your, their) su sus |

EXAMPLES:

| OWNER | THING OWNED | POSS. ADJ. w/ NOUN | ENGLISH MEANING |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| ella | casa | su casa | her house |
| yo | tacos | mis tacos | my tacos |
| nosotros | restaurante | nuestro restaurante | our restaurant |
| ustedes | primas | sus primas | your cousins |
| ellos | fiesta | su fiesta | their party |
| tú | helado | tu helado | your ice cream |

- Since the form **su** can mean 7 different things [his, her, its, your, their (masc/fem) your (pl)], there is a possibility for confusion. In actual speaking, the meaning is usually apparent from the context. When there is confusion, the owner can be further identified.

--Es su carro. --¿De quién? --De Juan

- If you want to name the owner, put the object or person + de + owner's name.
 Example: Es **el libro de David**. It's David's book.
 Soy **la prima de Ana**. I am Ana's cousin.