

Possessive pronouns are sometimes called possessive adjectives. They tell something about the nouns they describe. A possessive adjective describes a noun by telling which one or whose.

EXAMPLES **His** house is on the corner. (Which house? *his* house)
Is that **their** room? (Whose room? *their* room)

A possessive adjective can be used with a possessive noun.

EXAMPLE That is **my** *sister's* book.
(The possessive adjective *my* describes *sister*.
Whose sister? *my* sister)
(The possessive noun *sister's* shows ownership.
Whose book? *sister's* book)

Activity A The possessive adjectives in these sentences are in bold. Write them on your paper. Beside each possessive adjective, write the noun it describes.

Example He left **his** hat on the bus.
his — **hat**

- 1) I always like to get **my** money's worth.
- 2) **Our** family has always shopped in **their** store.
- 3) **Your** dog has a guilty look on **its** face.
- 4) We are having **her** birthday party next Saturday.
- 5) **His** picture was in the newspaper yesterday.

Activity B Find the possessive adjectives in these sentences. Write them on your paper. Beside each possessive adjective, write the noun it describes.

- 1) His bike is missing.
- 2) Your coat was in the living room.
- 3) I helped my mother's friend look for her ring.
- 4) There was a rabbit in my garden.
- 5) Their dog likes to hide its bones under our porch.

Lesson 5 Review

Lesson Review Find the possessive adjectives in these sentences. List them on your paper in order. Beside each one, write the noun that the adjective describes.

- 1) Dave and Vince did their math homework together.
- 2) “Your second answer is wrong,” Dave said.
- 3) “Here is my answer.”
- 4) Dave tried to explain his answer.
- 5) “I think both of our answers are wrong,” Vince said.
- 6) They compared their problems.
- 7) “We should check our math,” Vince suggested.
- 8) “Use my calculator to check.”
- 9) The calculator did not work because its battery was dead.
- 10) Vince found some new batteries in his desk.

A number can be used as an adjective to describe a noun. Numbers describe by telling how many.

- EXAMPLES** Mrs. Jones canned **twenty** jars of pears.
(How many jars? *twenty*)
- Twelve** people came to the party.
(How many people? *twelve*)

An indefinite pronoun also can be used as an adjective to describe a noun. When indefinite pronouns are used as adjectives, they describe by telling how many. However, the amount is not exact.

- EXAMPLES** Pronoun: **Several** of the guests arrived late.
Adjective: **Several** years went by before I saw her again. (How many years? *several*)

Activity A Write a sentence on your paper for each number word listed below. Use the word as an adjective. Circle the noun or pronoun that the adjective describes.

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| 1) few | 4) some | 7) four |
| 2) thirty-three | 5) most | 8) several |
| 3) one | 6) eighty | 9) all |

Activity B The number words used as adjectives in the following sentences are in bold. Write them on your paper. Beside each adjective, write the noun that the adjective describes.

Example **Many** people read that book.

Many — **people**

- 1) **Twenty-five** people signed up for the class.
- 2) **One** student dropped out.
- 3) After a **few** weeks, the teacher gave a test.
- 4) **Several** members of the class got a perfect grade.
- 5) **Most** students enjoyed the class.

Activity C The number words in these sentences are in bold. Write them on your paper. Beside each one, write whether it is used as a *pronoun* or an *adjective*.

Example All of the students signed up for **six** classes.

All—**pronoun**

six—**adjective**

- 1) The hurricane winds were **eighty** miles an hour.
- 2) The storm lasted for **several** hours.
- 3) **Everyone** on the block watched the storm.
- 4) **Many** trees blew down in the neighborhood.
- 5) We watched as a **few** cars drove through the storm.
- 6) **Most** people stayed inside.
- 7) The electricity was out for **six** hours.
- 8) **No one** could cook dinner or watch television.
- 9) **Some** families went out for dinner.
- 10) **Others** tried to barbecue in their yards.

Lesson 6 Review

Part A Write the number words used as adjectives in these sentences on your paper. Beside each adjective, write the noun it describes.

- 1) One Sunday, several friends and I visited the City Animal Park.
- 2) Each animal was in a natural setting.
- 3) We watched three chimpanzees swing from trees.
- 4) Eight lions and six tigers climbed over a rocky ledge.
- 5) There were many birds flying around the park.
- 6) For lunch, Willy ate two tacos and drank some lemonade.
- 7) We walked around for several hours.
- 8) Few people wanted to go home.
- 9) I took twenty-four photographs of the alligators and crocodiles.
- 10) Most children and adults would enjoy a visit to the City Animal Park.

Part B Complete these sentences by adding a number used as an adjective. Write the complete sentences on your paper.

- 1) During the hurricane, winds were blowing at _____ miles an hour.
- 2) _____ friends on our block are going on a picnic today.
- 3) Derek is taking _____ classes this year.
- 4) The movie lasted for _____ minutes.
- 5) _____ people were unhappy about the decision.