POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES
Thirteenth lesson – Treizième leçon
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INTRODUCTION

- Possessive adjectives are used to indicate to whom or to what something belongs.

- They agree in gender and number with the nouns they are related to.
## 1. FORMS

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- Note: the gender of the noun determines which form of the possessive adjective to use **not** the gender of the subject.
2. **Uses**

1. When a **feminine noun** begins with a **vowel**, the **masculine possessive** is used

   - *Mon ami et mon amie.*
   - *My friend (m.) and my friend (f.)*
2. **Uses**

2. When describing **two or more nouns**, a possessive adjective must be used **in front of each one**

- *Son frère et sa soeur.*
- *His brother and sister*
2. Uses

3. French possessive adjectives are almost never used with body parts.

- In English we say *He washes his hands* whereas in French we use

  - *Il se lave les mains.*
  - (literally, he washes the hands of himself).
C’est tout pour aujourd’hui!

Au revoir!

Merci!