Mine, yours, theirs: answers and notes

What your child practised: using the possessive pronouns mine, yours, his, hers, ours and theirs to show who owns something, spelt with no apostrophe (Year 4 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

1. **mine** · 2. **ours** · 3. **theirs**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. *The hat is **hers**.*
Check: no apostrophe.

Page 2 · A. Match

my → **mine** · your → **yours** · his → **his**
her → **hers** · our → **ours** · their → **theirs**
Sentence: answers will vary, e.g. *The kite is ours.*

Page 3 · B. Spelling

hers · **theirs** · **ours** · **yours**

Page 3 · C. Fill the gaps

1. **his** · 2. **hers** · 3. **ours** · 4. **theirs** · 5. **mine**

Page 3 · D. Rewrite

*This bike is **mine**.*
*That house is **theirs**.*
*Is this hat **yours**?*

Challenge: *her's* should be **hers** (no apostrophe), and *my* should be **mine** (nothing comes after it). *"That scarf is **hers**, and this one is **mine**."*

Watch out for

- **Adding an apostrophe** (*her's*, *their's*, *your's*). Apostrophes show owning with nouns (*Ava's*), but possessive pronouns already mean "belonging to", so they never need one.
- **Using my or our on its own** (*It's my!*). Ask: "Is there a noun after it?" If not, it needs *mine* or *ours*.
- **His** looks the same in both rows of the chart (*his bag*, *the bag is his*). That's correct, not a mistake.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Tidy-up talk:** when tidying, hold something up and ask "Whose is this?" Your child answers with mine, yours, his, hers, ours or theirs.
- **Swap it:** say "That's my cup." Your child turns it round: "That cup is yours!"
- **In the game:** Chapter 5, Grammar words, sorts determiners, pronouns, possessive pronouns and adverbials.