Word jobs: answers and notes

What your child practised: spotting determiners, pronouns and possessive pronouns (Year 4 grammar words).

Page 1 · Warm up

A fox and **the** hen ate **some** corn.

Page 2 · Try it together

e.g. It's my sock. / It's mine. · It's our cup. / It's ours. · It's their bike. / It's theirs.

Page 2 · A. Sort

Determiner: the, those, an, every
Pronoun: she, they, him, we
Possessive pronoun: mine, ours, theirs, yours

Page 3 · B. Ring

1. **my** · 2. **mine** · 3. **your** · 4. **ours** · 5. **Their**

Page 3 · C. Pronouns

1. … **They** played football.
2. … **It** wanted a walk.
3. I saw Gran and waved to **her**.

Page 3 · D. Label

we P · **a** D · **It** P · **ours** PP
(Bonus: "After school," is a fronted adverbial!)

Page 3 · Challenge

No. **my** is a determiner, so it needs a noun after it (my bag). **mine** is a possessive pronoun and stands on its own: **This bag is mine.**

Watch out for

- **Mixing up pronouns and determiners.** Use the next-word test: a determiner has a noun straight after it (this book); a pronoun replaces the noun (it).
- **Mixing up my and mine** (your/yours, our/ours, their/theirs). "My" needs a noun: my coat. "Mine" stands alone: the coat is mine.
- **Words with two jobs.** "his" and "her" can be either: "his hat" (determiner), "the hat is his" (possessive pronoun), "I saw her" (pronoun).

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Lost property:** hold up an everyday item and ask "Is it mine, yours or ours?"
- **Little-word spotting:** in a book, find "the", "a" and "this" and say the noun that follows each one.
- **In the game:** this is the last chapter. Go back to Chapter 4 to write more sentences with openers.