



Pronouns and Possessives — B1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. That coat is not mine — I think it is _____.
A) her B) her's C) hers D) she
2. The dog wagged ____ tail furiously.
A) it's B) its' C) his D) its
3. ____ a shame the concert was cancelled.
A) It's B) Its C) Its' D) Its is
4. She taught ____ to play the guitar.
A) her B) hers C) herself D) she
5. My sister and ____ share a flat in Cardiff.
A) me B) I C) myself D) mine
6. Between you and ____, I think he is mistaken.
A) I B) myself C) mine D) me
7. The twins write to ____ every week.
A) themselves B) them C) each other D) theirs
8. ____ has left their umbrella in the hall.
A) Someone B) Some one C) Anyone D) No one has
9. Is this bag ____?
A) your B) yours C) your's D) you
10. We painted the whole house ____.
A) ourself B) ourselves C) us D) our

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. This umbrella is not mine — I think it belongs to _____.
2. The company has changed _____ logo three times.
3. _____ raining again, so take a coat.

4. He cut _____ while chopping onions.
5. My colleague and _____ are presenting together.
6. Keep this strictly between you and _____.
7. The two sisters phone _____ other every evening.
8. Somebody has left _____ laptop in the meeting room.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. book / is / hers, / That / mine. / not

Contrast two possessive pronouns.

2. the / bone / dog / its / buried / garden. / in / The

Use the possessive with no apostrophe.

3. cannot / It / a / you / is / come. / pity

Open with the pronoun that means it is.

4. last / taught / to / code / year. / She / herself

Use a reflexive after a teaching verb.

5. here. / and / up / brother / My / grew / I

Use the subject form in a compound subject.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **C) hers** — Hers is the possessive pronoun and stands alone; her would need a noun after it.
2. **D) its** — Its is the possessive; it's always means it is or it has.
3. **A) It's** — It's here is the contraction of it is, which is why it takes an apostrophe.
4. **C) herself** — Subject and object are the same person, so the reflexive is required.
5. **B) I** — The pronoun is part of the subject, so the subject form I is correct.
6. **D) me** — Between is a preposition, so it takes the object form me, however formal I may sound.
7. **C) each other** — Each other is reciprocal: each writes to the other. Themselves would mean each writes to herself.
8. **A) Someone** — Someone takes a singular verb, and their is now standard for an unknown person.
9. **B) yours** — Yours is the possessive pronoun; your must be followed by a noun.
10. **B) ourselves** — The plural reflexive is ourselves, used here to stress that nobody helped.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **her** — After a preposition the object form is required.
2. **its** — The possessive its never takes an apostrophe.
3. **It's** — Here the apostrophe form is correct because it means it is.
4. **himself** — The subject and the object are the same person, so a reflexive is needed.
5. **I** — The pronoun is part of the subject of the verb.
6. **me** — Between is a preposition and takes the object form.
7. **each** — Each other expresses a reciprocal action between two people.
8. **their** — Their is now standard when the owner is unknown.

C. Sentence building

1. **That book is hers, not mine.**
2. **The dog buried its bone in the garden.**
3. **It is a pity you cannot come.**
4. **She taught herself to code last year.**
5. **My brother and I grew up here.**