

## Family Time!: Happy birthday to you!

*Listen to Peter explaining the differences between possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns and take the notes you need to follow the class. Look at the blackboard below. You can play the recording twice.*

**Peter:** ...that's a very good question, Pablo. Well, look at the blackboard... We have the possessive adjectives. You studied them in the previous lesson, can you remember them?

**Pablo:** Yes. My, your, his...

**Peter:** Exactly! So, we can have a sentence like 'Those are my sunglasses'. 'My' is a possessive adjective and it goes with 'sunglasses'. They are together.

**Pablo:** Yes, that's right.

**Peter:** We can change 'my' and... we can have 'your', 'his', 'her' and so on. This means that we have a possessive adjective... I abbreviate it to PA and a noun. Can anyone give me another sentence?

**Beatriz:** Yes, I can. Hmm... 'These are his headphones'.

**Peter:** That's brilliant, Beatriz.

**Beatriz:** Thank you, Peter.

**Peter:** Ok, now, possessive pronouns. I'll take the same sentence but now... with some changes. Look. Can you read it, Pablo?

**Pablo:** Sure! 'Those sunglasses are... mine'?

**Peter:** Yes, correct! Mine. 'Mine' is a possessive pronoun and we place it...

**Beatriz:** Excuse me, Peter, what's the meaning of 'place it'?

**Peter:** Oh, yes, sorry, er... 'put it', we put the possessive pronoun after 'are', the verb. So, we can change 'mine'... and we can have... 'yours', 'hers', 'ours', and... 'theirs'. What's the difference? Anybody?

**Pablo:** Well... er... you've got an '-s' after the word, right?

**Peter:** Excellent! That is a very visual difference.

**Beatriz:** And, after the possessive pronoun... nothing.

**Peter:** You got it, Beatriz! Yes, there's nothing after the possessive pronoun. So, we have... a verb and... the possessive pronoun. Alright, can you give a sentence Pablo?

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**Pablo:** Ok... Hmm, what about 'This isn't your pencil, it's hers'.

**Beatriz:** Mine? Oh, thank you Pablo.

**Peter:** Hahaha, well done both of you. Let's have some communicative activities with possessive pronouns. In this worksheet, you have to...