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Is it mine? Yours? His?

mine	el mío, la mía, los míos, las mías
yours (tú)	el tuyo, la tuya, los tuyos, las tuyas
ours	el nuestro, la nuestra, los nuestros, las nuestras
yours (vosotros)	el vuestro, la vuestra, los vuestros, las vuestras
his, hers, yours (ustedes), its; theirs	el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas

So what are you talking about?

Remember, the pronoun is a replacement for the object being described that belongs to somebody or something. It's not a replacement for the person or persons to whom it belongs.

So what does that mean?

That means you use the pronoun in consideration of the thing that is the possession, not the owner.

For example...

The books are hers. Los libros son _____.

How many books? (More than one.) Are books (libros) masculine or feminine (feminine). So circle the pronoun you should use.

suyo suya suyos suyas

One other thing...

Use the corresponding article (el, la, los or las) with the pronoun except when the verb is a form of ser (soy, eres, es, sois, somos, son) and there is no choice among the possessed objects.

For example...

The book is his. El libro es suyo. (Uses ser, no choice of possessed objects.)

The book is yours or his. El libro es el tuyo o el suyo. (Uses ser, but there is a choice, so it needs the article)

Where are yours? ¿Dónde están los tuyos? (Doesn't use ser, so it needs the article.)

Give it a try. Write the following sentences in Spanish.

1. My parents are coming. Are yours (familiar) coming?

2. Whose book is that? It is hers.

3. Whose car is that? It is theirs.

4. The towel (la toalla) is mine.

5. The towel is yours, sir.

6. The towels are his.

7. This key (esta llave) is yours and this key is ours. (Careful--uses ser but has a choice in objects!)
