

PRONOUNS USED AS ADJECTIVES

Possessive Adjectives - These are possessive forms of personal pronouns that are often used with nouns in the same way that adjectives are used to modify nouns.

Example: *Herbert forgot **his** coat.*

Explanation: The possessive form of the pronoun *he*, which is *his*, is used as an adjective modifying the noun *coat*. It also shows the coat belongs to *Herbert*. Therefore, it is called a possessive adjective.

Examples: *These are **her** gloves. (modifies gloves)*
*Did you bring **your** violin? (modifies violin)*
*I bought **their** home. (modifies home)*
*The dog lost **its** collar. (modifies collar)*

Indefinite Adjectives - These are indefinite pronouns used as adjectives.

Examples: ***Each** girl carried a flag. (modifies girl)*
***Both** men received a promotion. (modifies men)*
***Many** cars were on that ship. (modifies cars)*
***Several** tables were ruined. (modifies tables)*

Demonstrative Adjectives function as adjectives that have lost their pointing out function. In the following examples, the demonstrative pronouns are used as adjectives.

Examples: ***This** camera belongs to June. (modifies camera)*
***Those** apples are delicious. (modifies apples)*
***That** man is an army officer. (modifies man)*
***These** cards are Easter cards. (modifies cards)*

Interrogative Pronouns are often used as adjectives. Since the adjective is the word that asks the question, these adjectives are called interrogative adjectives.

Examples: ***What** newspaper does he read? (*What* asks the question. *What* is also an adjective that modifies *newspaper*.)*
***Whose** name did he call? (*Whose* asks the question. *Whose* is also an adjective that modifies *name*.)*
***Which** play do you like best? (*Which* asks the question. *Which* is also an adjective that modifies *best*.)*