

Me, my family and friends

Grammatik 1.1H Beziehungen zu Familie und Freunden

Possessive adjectives

Possessive adjectives (*mein, dein, sein*, etc.) are used instead of *ein / eine / ein* when showing who something belongs to, and they work in exactly the same way.

The other possessives which work like *mein* are *dein* (your – familiar singular), *sein* (his / its), *ihr* (her), *unser* (our), *euer* (your – familiar plural), *Ihr* (your – formal) and *ihr* (their).

Look at these examples, using *mein* in the four cases:

- **Nominative:** *Mein Bruder ist sehr intelligent.* (My brother is very intelligent.)
- **Accusative:** *Ich mag **meinen** Bruder sehr.* (I like my brother very much.)
- **Dative:** *Ich kaufe **meinem** Bruder eine DVD zum Geburtstag.* (I'm buying my brother a DVD for his birthday. Literally: I'm buying a DVD for my brother for his birthday.)
- **Genitive:** *Die Freundin **meines** Bruders heißt Natascha.* (My brother's girlfriend is called Natascha. Literally: The girlfriend of my brother is called Natascha.)

1 Complete each sentence with the correct form of the possessive adjective in brackets.

- _____ Vater ist sehr verständnisvoll. [mein]
- Ich mag _____ Bruder sehr. [dein]
- Paul gibt _____ Frau Rosen. [sein]
- Magda verkauft _____ Auto. [ihr]
- Er kommt gut mit _____ Bruder aus. [sein]
- _____ Opa wohnt jetzt in Berlin. [ihr]
- Ich sehe _____ Onkel nur selten. [mein]
- _____ Familie ist nicht so groß. [unser]
- Was machst du zusammen mit _____ Freunden? [dein]
- Ich muss _____ Hausaufgaben machen. [mein]

2 Translate these sentences into German.

- My family is very important to me.

- His friends are all sporty.

- I get on well with my parents.

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4 Where is your house? (you – familiar singular)

5 I'm giving my sister a book.

6 Do you know her brother? (you – familiar singular)

7 We're selling our flat.

8 Her parents are really understanding.

9 When is your wedding? (you – polite singular)

10 Her brother is older than her.
