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Goal: Learn about possessive adjectives.

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Reteaching and Practice

Possessive Adjectives

- **Number Agreement.** Possessive adjectives describe a relationship between people or things. Read the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Mi abuela tiene 60 años. (***My** grandmother is 60 years old.*)
Mis abuelos tienen 60 años. (***My** grandparents are 60 years old.*)
Tu padre tiene 40 años. (***Your** father is 40 years old.*)
Tus padres tienen 40 años. (***Your** parents are 40 years old.*)
Su tío tiene 35 años. (***His or her / your / their** uncle is 35 years old.*)
Sus tíos tienen 35 años. (***His or her / your / their** uncles are 35 years old.*)

EXPLANATION: In Spanish, possessive adjectives agree in number with the nouns they describe. They agree with what is possessed, not with the person who possesses it.

- **Gender Agreement.** Read the sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Nuestra madre es maestra. (***Our** mother is a teacher.*)
Nuestros padres son maestras. (***Our** parents are teachers.*)
Nuestro padre es maestro. (***Our** father is a teacher.*)
Nuestras tías son maestras. (***Our** aunts are teachers.*)

EXPLANATION: The adjectives **nuestro** and **vuestro** have both masculine and feminine forms. They agree in gender with the nouns they describe. Remember that they also agree in number. Study the following table and use it as a quick reference for possessive adjectives.

Singular Possessive Adjectives		Plural Possessive Adjectives	
mi <i>my</i>	nuestro(a) <i>our</i>	mis <i>my</i>	nuestros(as) <i>our</i>
tu <i>your (familiar)</i>	vuestro(a) <i>your (familiar)</i>	tus <i>your (familiar)</i>	vuestros(as) <i>your (familiar)</i>
su <i>your (formal)</i>	su <i>your (formal)</i>	sus <i>your (formal)</i>	sus <i>your (formal)</i>
su <i>his, her, its</i>	su <i>their</i>	sus <i>his, her, its</i>	sus <i>their</i>

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