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y4  
terminology

Possessive pronoun

1m

Award **1 mark** for a suitable possessive pronoun correctly inserted, eg:

- ***mine***
- ***yours***
- ***hers***
- ***ours***
- ***his***
- ***theirs***

**Do not accept:**

- misspellings and/or punctuation errors, eg:
  - ***myn*** (mine)
  - ***yores*** (yours)
  - ***her's*** (hers)
  - ***theres*** (theirs)

## Diagnostic commentary

Correct

22%

Common error 1

**pronoun which is not a possessive pronoun inserted**

Twenty-five per cent of pupils made this error.

A number of pupils inserted a pronoun (eg: *he, she, it*) instead of a possessive pronoun. Most inserted *it*.

This suggests an opportunity to review the different types of pronouns with pupils and examine how possessive pronouns function.

Common error 2

**word which is not a pronoun inserted**

Seventeen per cent of pupils made this error.

A number of pupils did not appear to be familiar with the term *possessive pronoun* or the term *pronoun*. Instead they inserted words of other classes which completed a grammatically correct sentence – for example, *Amy's*.The national curriculum requires that pupils should be introduced to the term *possessive pronoun* in year 4.

Common error 3

**appropriate possessive pronoun spelt incorrectly**

Two per cent of pupils made this error.

This error was made by a small number of pupils but highlights the important point that, in questions like this, pupils are required to spell words correctly in order to gain the mark.