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Your and You're

Word	Your	You're
Definition	the possessive form of you and indicates that you own something	A contraction (or shortened version) of the words "you" and "are"

Your is a possessive adjective and modifies nouns.

- Example: How do I get to **your** house?
- Example: I left **your** gloves in the drawer next to the front door.

You're is a contraction of the two words you are.

- Example: I'll go to the library if **you're** going to be there as well.
- Example: The judges' expressions are indicating that **you're** the winner of the competition.
- **Hint:** No matter which word you think should be placed into the sentence, substitute it with you are and see if the sentence still makes sense. If it still makes sense, use **you're**. If it does not, use **your**.

Yours and Your's

Word	Yours	Your's
Definition	a second-person possessive pronoun that indicates possession	Is never correct. You may see it written on occasion, but it counts as a misspelling or grammatical error.

Yours is a second person possessive pronoun and is used to refer to a thing or things belonging to or associated with the person or people that the speaker is addressing.

- Example: Jim's order is still being prepared, but **yours** is already delivered.
- Example: You can stay here or come with us; the choice is **yours**.

Your's is an incorrect formation of the second person possessive pronoun.

- If you do find yourself torn between your's and yours, just spell out your's as if it were a contraction.
 - Is this suitcase yours?
 - Is this suitcase your's?
 - Is this suitcase your is?

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