

MY

OUR

Possessives

in Mvskoke

YOUR

THEIR

HER

HIS



What Is a Possessive?

A possessive is used to show ownership-- that you possess something. In English, this would include words like "my", "your", "his", "her", "its", "ours", and "their".

When you use these, you are indicating whose item it is.



Two Types of Possessives

In Mvskoke, there are two type of possessives. One is used with things you have to have, and the other is used with things you generally get to choose to have.

Type 1

Body parts, name, family terms, & few exceptions

Type 2

Most anything else that doesn't apply to Type 1

1 Type 1 Possessives

- My Cv
- Your Ce
- Her/His/its E / nothing
- Our Pu

- These attach directly onto the possessed item
- Many things that use this type of possession tend to start with 'E'
- **If the word starts with an 'E'**, then remove the 'E' and place the correct possessive you need at the front.
 - Otherwise, just add the possessive on the front

Ecke → ~~Xcke~~ + cv → **Cvcke**
 (Someone's) mom My mom

Ekv → ~~Xkv~~ + ce → **Cekv**
 (Someone's) head Your head

Hocefkv → **change nothing** → **Hocefkv**
 Name *for most dialects His / Her name

★ **Some dialects will add the 'E'** → **Ehocefkv**

2 Type 2 Possessives

- Before a vowel, m, or p
 - My Vm
 - Your Cem
 - Her/His/its Em
 - Our Pum
- Before a consonant
 - My Vn
 - Your Cen
 - Her/His/its En
 - Our Pun
- These go in front of the word, much like English:
 - My dog --> Vm efv (literally: my dog)

Cuko → vn + cuko → **Vn cuko**
 House My house

Pose → cem + pose → **Cem pose**
 Cat Your cat

Efv → em + efv → **Em efv**
 dog His/Her dog

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Examples of Words That Take Type 1 Possessives

Besides some exceptions, the words that use this type of possessive are generally: **Body parts, family terms, and one's name**

- Ekv Head
- Feke Heart
- Ecke Mom
- Epvwv Uncle (mom's side)
- Sakpv Arm
- Folowv Shoulder
- Erke Dad
- Hvcko Ear
- Torkowv Knee
- Epose Grandma
- Ele Foot/Leg
- Ekisse Hair
- Epuca Grandpa
- Hocefkv name
- Enke Hand
- Torwv Eye
- Ecerwv Woman's brother
- Kvlpe Brain
- Yupo Nose
- Ewvnwv Man's sister

Practice

Write the Type 1 Possessive Forms:

My _____

Your _____

Our _____

His/Her/Its _____

Write the Type 2 Possessive Forms:

My _____

Your _____

Our _____

His/Her/Its _____

Write the phrases in Mvskoke:

Your book
book = cokv

Our dad

His nose

My teacher

teacher = mvhayv

Write the phrases in English:

Pupuca

Cen cuko

Cvfeke

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(mom's side) |
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| • Hvcko | Ear | • Torkowv | Knee | • Epose | Grandma | | |
| • Ele | Foot/Leg | • Ekisse | Hair | • Epuca | Grandpa | • Hocefkv | name |
| • Enke | Hand | • Torwv | Eye | • Ecerwv | Woman's brother | | |
| • Kvlpe | Brain | • Yupo | Nose | • Ewvnwv | Man's sister | | |

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Write the Type 2 Possessive Forms:

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Your cem / cen

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His/Her/Its em / en

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Yupo / Eyupo (some dialects)

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