

### His or Her? How do you decide?

Ask yourself this question:

Whose \_\_\_\_\_ is it?  
or  
Who does it belong to?

If the possessor (the owner) is a boy or a man, use **his**.  
If the possessor (the owner) is a girl or a woman, use **her**.

#### Look at Cartoon 1.

Bill and **his** mother are looking in **his** pocket.

Whose mother is it?

It's Bill's mother. It's **his** mother.

Whose pocket is it?

It's Bill's pocket. It's **his** pocket.

Mom has gum on **her** hand. She looks irritated with **her** son.

Whose hand is it?

It's Mom's hand. It's **her** hand.

Whose son is it?

It's Mom's son. It's **her** son.

Bill says he put **his** snake in the other pocket.

Whose snake is it?

It's Bill's snake. It's **his** snake.

Major His-her Lesson: Student

In each English sentence below, draw an arrow from his or her to the possessor. In each French sentence, draw an arrow to show what son and sa agree with.

Gum

Gomme

Bill and his mother are looking in his pocket.

Bill et sa mère regardent dans sa poche

Mom has gum on her hand. She looks irritated with her son.

Maman a de la gomme sur la main. Elle semble irritée par son fils

Bill says he put his snake in the other pocket.

Bill dit qu'il a mis son serpent dans l'autre poche

Compare the arrows in the English and French sentences. How are they different?

Compare these sentences. How are English and French different?

Mom has gum on her hand.

Maman a de la gomme sur la main.

Look at Cartoon 2.

Draw arrows in the English sentences from his or her to the possessor. Ask yourself: **Whose \_\_\_\_\_ is it?**

Make-up

Mary and her father are talking about the make-up in her bedroom.

Dad has no make-up on his face. He looks surprised at his daughter.

Mom looks very unhappy-it's her make-up.

Now draw the arrows in the French sentences from son or sa.

Ask yourself: **Is the possessed noun masculine or feminine?**

Maquillage

Mary et son père parlent du maquillage dans sa chambre.

Papa n'a pas de maquillage sur le visage. Il a l'air surpris par sa fille.

Maman n'est pas contente-c'est son maquillage.