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A common mistake not only for students learning English but also for native speakers is the difference between **Your** and **You're** in written English.

This happens because both words sound the same when they are spoken.

What is the difference between *Your* and *You're*?

The most simple explanation is that:

Your = a possessive adjective. It shows possession, that something belongs to the person you are talking to. e.g. This is not my pen, it is **your** pen.

You're = You are. It is a contraction (or short way of writing). e.g. You're crazy = You are crazy

Here is a chart we have created to show you more about the difference how to know when you are using the correct one:

Your vs You're

Common Mistakes in English



Your

Possessive Adjective
Refers to something
a person has or owns

Your book

= The book belongs to you

You're

Contraction
(a short combined form)
You're = You are

You're intelligent

= You are intelligent

Normally we use...

Your + Noun (thing)

Example: **You're** happy **your** ticket won the lottery

You're + Adjective (description)

You're + Verb -ing (action)

Your English will improve if **you're** careful about these rules.

Tip: Can you replace YOUR with MY?

Your house is big. ✓

My house is big. ✓

(Sounds correct)

Your crazy. ✗

My crazy. ✗

(Sounds wrong)

It should be...

You're crazy.

Tip: Can you replace YOU'RE with YOU ARE?

You're married. ✓

You are married. ✓

(Sounds correct)

You're bike. ✗

You are bike. ✗

(Sounds wrong)

It should be...

Your bike.

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