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your/you're

Your means belonging to you.

You're is a contraction of you are.



Here are your instructions for today.



Here are **you're** instructions for today.



Surely you're not serious!



Surely **your** not serious!

If you're unsure as to which version to use, try the following simple test:

Expand the word out into you are and see if the sentence still makes sense. If it does, then you're is correct; if it doesn't then you should use your.

For example, if you expand

Take **you're** hands off of that

into:

Take **vou are** hands off of that.

it doesn't make sense at all! So, the correct choice would your.

On the other hand ...

If you expand

You're going to get into trouble over that

into:

You are going to get into trouble over that,

it makes perfect sense, so in this case the correct choice would be you're.