Using Case

What is case in writing?
Nouns and pronouns take different forms, or cases, to indicate their function in the sentence. There are three cases in English: Subjective, Objective, and Possessive.

Subjective Case...

⇒ The subject of a verb
These words are the subject of the sentence and commit actions.

Pronouns of subjective case are as follows: I, you, he, she, it, we, they, and who.

Subjective Case looks like...

⇒ The direct/indirect object of a verb or the object of a preposition
Actions are committed upon these words.

Pronouns of objective case are as follows: me, you, him, her, it, us, them, and whom.

Objective Case...

Objective Case looks like...

⇒ Denotes ownership
This case can be difficult when using pronouns. Some pronouns in this case stand alone and others are used with a noun.

Stand alone pronouns are mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs, and whose. Pronouns that modify nouns are my, your, his, her, its, our, their, and whose.

Possessive Case...

Possessive Case looks like...

In order to check one’s case usage, try breaking the sentence apart and ignore any other subjects that can cause confusion in your sentence.