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Ask your friend:
Tanya, want tea?
Таня, хочешь чай?

Now let's ask her grandmother. Just two words, literally:
Tea....want?
Чай хотите?

Tanya, will you have tea?
Таня, ты будешь чай?

And then to her grandmother you say:
And will you have tea?
А Вы будете чай?

So you're all sitting there, drinking tea. Now as the host, you open a box of chocolates and offer them first to your friend. With just one word, ask her:
Want some?
Хочешь?

Now, with just one word, ask her grandmother:
Want some?
Хотите?

She says, No thanks.
Нет, спасибо.

So, your friend is drinking the tea. In two words ask her:
Do you like it?
Literally: To you is pleasing?
Тебе нравится?

Ask the same question to grandma:
Вам нравится?

Something on the TV in the next room causes your friend and grandma to get up from the table and go watch. Being a good host, you pick up their cups of tea and carry them in.
Tell your girlfriend:

This is your tea.
Это твой чай.

And then to her grandmother, say....
And this is yours.
А это Ваш.

With just two words, say:
Moscow is pretty.
Москва – красивая.

Now say:
Kiev is pretty.

Киев – красивый.
Красивый - Красивая

This is my soup.
Это мой суп.

This is my pizza.
Это моя пицца.

This is my milk.
Это моё молоко.

So say: My milk.
Моё молоко

Now say:
This is my pig fat.
Это моё сало.

Ask: Is this my beer?
Это моё пиво?

How do you think you'd tell a friend:
This is your beer.
Это твоё пиво.

Imagine your friend has asked you for a cup of tea and a glass of milk. As you serve them to her, say:
This is your tea, and your milk.
Это твой чай и твоё молоко.

Say: This is your pizza and your beer.
Это твоя пицца и твоё молоко.

Let's try it with three very Russian foods. Tell your friend:
This is your borscht, your pig fat, and your caviar.
Это твой борщ, твоё сало и твоя икра.

Say those three forms of “your” again:
Masculine, neuter, then feminine:
ТВОЙ....ТВОЁ....ТВОЯ

As you hand grandma her salad, tell her:

Your salad.
Ваш салат.

Or: Hand your friend her soup:
Твой суп.

See how it works? Ok, now it's your turn:

Hand grandma her vodka:
Ваша водка.

Hand your friend her beer:
Твоё пиво.

Hand grandma her caviar:
Ваша икра.

Hand your friend her tea:
Твой чай.

Hand your friend her milk.
Твоё молоко.

Hand grandma her pig fat.
Ваше сало.

Hand grandma her salad.
Ваш салат.

Hand your friend her coffee.
Твой кофе.

Hand your friend her pasta.
Твоя паста

How might you ask:
Are these my pancakes?
Это мои блины?

Tell your boss:

I like your cars.
Literally, of course: TO me are pleasing your cars.
Мне нравятся Ваши машины.

Do you remember how to ask someone:
What's your name?
Как вас зовут?

How's your salad? Tasty?
Как твой салат? Вкусный?

How will she ask you the same thing about the caviar you're eating? Listen...
Как твоя икра? Вкусная?

See how both the words “your” and “tasty” are in their feminine forms, to rhyme with the word “ikra”?

So, as the host, ask grandma the same thing about the pig fat that she's munching on.

Ask her: How's your pig fat? Tasty?
Как ваше сало....вкусное?

Ask your friend about his pizza.
Well, how's your pizza? Tasty?
Ну, как твоя пицца? Вкусная?

Ask your friend about his milk:
Ну, как твоё молоко?

Ask your friend about his pancakes...
Как твои блины? Вкусные?

Comment to the waiter as you leave:
Your salads are tasty!
Ваши салаты вкусные!