

Possessive adjectives

Select the correct pronouns



1. Kip and Pam are (my / our) pets.



2. Jeremy, Annie, and Ben are (my / our) children.



3. Annie has (her / their) books with her.



4. Ben is riding (her / his) bicycle.



5. I like (my / our) car, but (its / his) tires are flat.



6. Judy and Ken Johnson love (their / your) parents.



Possessive case ('s): let's revise the rules



Rule 1: In singular nouns (person, place, thing or idea), we add apostrophe and 's' after the noun.

- Ron's car is in the garage. (Car belonging to Ron is in the garage)



Rule 2: In singular nouns ending with 's', we add an apostrophe and 's' to the noun.

- Tom's notebook is lying on the table.
- John's wife is a doctor.



Rule 3: In singular nouns ending with 's' followed by a word starting with 's', we just add an apostrophe to the noun. This is to avoid a hissing sound.

- Tejas' school is in Malviya Nagar.
- Suhas' sister is a teacher.



Rule 4: In plural nouns (ending with 's'), we add apostrophe after 's'.

- Students' report cards are ready.
- Girls' dance classes have been postponed.



Rule 5: In irregular plural nouns (men, children) we add apostrophe and 's' to show possession.

- Children's clothes are expensive. (Clothes of children are expensive)
- People's mindset needs to be changed. (Mindset of people needs to be changed)

Rewrite the sentences using 's. Start with *This is* or *These are*. Check the examples.

- This umbrella belongs to Sue.
- These books belong to the students.
- 1 These keys belong to Peter.
- 2 This football belongs to the boys.
- 3 This house belongs to my teacher.
- 4 These bikes belong to my sisters.
- 5 This room belongs to the children.
- 6 This chair belongs to the manager.
- 7 These suitcases belong to Mark.
- 8 These bags belong to the women.
- 9 This radio belongs to Joan.

This is Sue's umbrella.....

These are the students' books.....

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Pay attention to the use of the preposition of for possession

We use **of** ... for things, places etc. :

- Look at the roof **of that building**. (not that building's roof)
- We didn't see the beginning **of the film**. (not the film's beginning)
- What's the name **of this village**?
- Do you know the cause **of the problem**?
- You can sit in the back **of the car**.
- Madrid is the capital **of Spain**.

Write the complete questions with the possessive form or with **of+ noun**

1 What's the name of this street	?	(the name / this street)
2 When's Alice's birthday	?	(the birthday / Alice)
3 Which is the favourite team	?	(the favourite team / John)
4 What's the result	?	(the result / the match)
5 When's the anniversary party	?	(the anniversary party / your parents)
6 How big are the windows	?	(the windows / the house)
7 What's the telephone number	?	(the telephone number / the station)
8 Do you know the daughter	?	(the daughter / Mark Turner)

Correct the sentences. Write **OK** if they are correct.

- 1 I stayed at **the house of my sister**.
- 2 What is **the name of this village**?
- 3 Do you like **the colour of this coat**?
- 4 Do you know **the phone number of Simon**?
- 5 **The job of my brother** is very interesting.
- 6 Write your name at **the top of the page**.
- 7 For me, the morning is **the best part of the day**.
- 8 **The favourite colour of Paula** is blue.
- 9 When is **the birthday of your mother**?
- 10 **The house of my parents** isn't very big.
- 11 **The walls of this house** are very thin.
- 12 The car stopped at **the end of the street**.
- 13 Are you going to **the party of Silvia** next week?
- 14 **The manager of the hotel** is not here at the moment.

my sister's house

OK