

2B GRAMMAR possessives

a Circle the correct form. In which sentence are both forms possible?

- 1 She's at the front of the queue / the queue's front.
- 2 What are **the childrens'** / **the children's** names?
- 3 I needed **James's** / **James'** help.
- 4 I live in **the centre of Glasgow** / **Glasgow's centre**.
- 5 I don't get on with **my brother's** / **my brothers'** wife.
- 6 What time does the **florists** / **florist's** open?
- 7 I drove to **my grandparent's** / **my grandparents'** house. They live just outside Southampton.
- 8 What's **the name of the village** / **the village's name** where you were born?
- 9 I never buy meat at **the butcher's** / **the butchers'**. I get it at the supermarket.
- 10 Excuse me. Where's **the men's** / **the mens'** changing room?
- 11 I'll wait on **the street's corner** / **the corner of the street**.
- 12 We're going to **Sarah's and Tony's** / **Sarah and Tony's** wedding next weekend.
- 13 I went to my **grandfather's** / **grandfathers'** yesterday. It was his 90th birthday.
- 14 The answers are at **the book's back** / **the back of the book**.
- 15 I'm not very good at remembering **people's names** / **peoples' names**.
- 16 They go to **France's south** / **the south of France** every year.



b Complete the sentences with the correct possessive adjective or pronoun. Write your answers in the column on the right.

- 1 I hate living with my parents. I'd love to have a house of own.
- 2 Jane's keeping very quiet about this new boyfriend of .
- 3 My brother and I had own bedrooms when we were children.
- 4 Both my sons smoke. It's a bad habit of .
- 5 My nephew never goes to the hairdresser's. He cuts own hair.
- 6 Is that woman a friend of ? She's smiling at you.
- 7 The supermarket has own bakery, so we can buy some bread there.
- 8 My grandmother loves gardening. She grows all own vegetables.
- 9 My cousins are thinking of opening own restaurant.
- 10 A colleague of has just told me she's leaving.
- 11 Tom must earn a lot of money. Have you seen that new car of .
- 12 I'm going out this evening, so you'll have to make own dinner.
- 13 A friend of is going away, so we're looking after his dog.
- 14 Are you still having problems with those noisy neighbours of .
- 15 My daughter loves singing and has started writing own songs.
- 16 He's an amazing artist. I have a painting of in the living room.

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ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the column on the right in **b** and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the correct possessive adjectives and pronouns.