

language focus

possessive pronouns

Possessive pronouns tell us about who owns something. Nouns do not follow possessive pronouns.

That pencil is yours.
Is this cat hers?

Possessive pronouns can stand alone as a subject.

Hers is a green cup.

subject object

Possessive pronouns can stand alone as an object.

The green cup is mine.

subject object

The possessive pronoun can refer back to the subject or to someone or something else mentioned before. The context helps to make this clear.

Ali lent Ahmed his bag because Ahmed couldn't find his.

Here is a table of subject pronouns. Read the 'Whose bag?' story at the top of this page and find possessive pronouns in the text. Write them in the correct place. The first one has been done to help you.

subject pronoun	I	you	he	she	we	they
possessive pronoun	mine	<input type="text"/>				

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Possessive pronouns.

Use the possessive pronouns you collected in the language focus box and complete the following sentences.



- 1 'Is this your bag Mustafa?'
'Yes, it's .'
- 2 'Has Ali left his keys again?'
'Yes, these are .
- 3 'Maha, you've got a lot of shoes in your cupboard! Are they really all ?'
- 4 Najma and Siham have been friends for a long time. is a great friendship.
- 5 The keys belong to Susan. The keys are .
- 6 'Ahmed and Ali, are those books yours?' asked the teacher.
'Yes, they're .
- 7 'Yes, they're .

1 Club Talk.

Juma and Moza have sent in their opinions about television to the ITC. Read the texts and underline three phrases that show they are giving their opinions. Then, circle two conjunctions which give reasons for their opinions.

My opinion about television

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I think television is good as it makes our life more interesting. My feeling is that television helps people learn more about the world because people see many new places when they watch films and reports. In my view, television is a wonderful invention since we can get news from around the world immediately. In my opinion, television is improving our lives because it is improving communication.

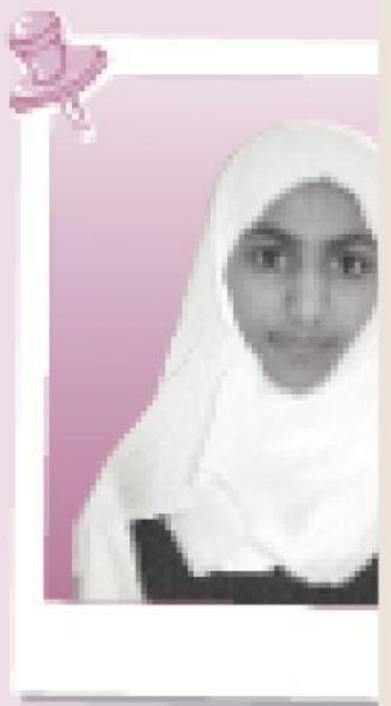
Juma



My views about television

In my view, television is destroying the health of our country. I think that too many people are getting fat because they watch television all day and don't exercise. Also, in my opinion, television is stopping communication as it stops people talking to each other. I think it makes life boring and lonely because people stop visiting relatives and friends in the community. In my view, television is destroying our lives.

Moza



2 Useful language.

Look at Club Talk and write the language of opinion and the conjunctions you found in the boxes below. The first one has been done for you.

language to give an opinion

I think ...

conjunctions to give a reason

because ...

3 What's your opinion?

Use the table below to help you sort out your opinions.

- a. First, read **Club Talk** and sort Juma's and Moza's opinions onto the table. Look at the example to help you.

	positive	negative	other
television	makes life interesting <input type="text"/>	bad for health <input type="text"/>	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

- b. Now, copy the table into your exercise book. Choose one of the topics from activity 1 on page 6 of the Classbook and complete the table with your opinions.
- c. Tell your partner your opinion using the phrases from **Useful language** in activity 2. **Remember!** These are notes so you don't have to write complete sentences.

