

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.

This is Sue's umbrella.

► These books belong to the students.

These are the students' books.

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.

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

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