

Possessive pronouns

Using pronouns to show who things belong to

mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs; one/ones; no/none

In this unit you learn to use pronouns to talk about who things belong to. You also learn about using **one, ones, no** and **none**.

You use possessive pronouns (**mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs**) when you talk about who things belong to.

*It's not my DVD. It's **his**.*

*See that car over there. It's **ours**.*

*Give me back that book. It's **mine**!*

You can also use **of** before a possessive pronoun.

*I know Fiona very well. She's a very good friend **of mine**.*

*Is it true that our new teacher is a neighbour **of yours**?*

Subject pronoun	Possessive pronoun
I	mine
you	yours
he	his
she	hers
we	ours
they	theirs

You use **one** and **ones** as pronouns for things.

A: I've got a few DVDs here. What do you want to watch?

*B: Well, this **one** is really funny. Let's watch that.*

*A: These trainers all look the same. Which **ones** are yours?*

*B: The **ones** with the green stripes.*

You can use **no** before a singular or a plural noun.

*There were **no** people at the tennis courts yesterday.*

*There was **no** food left at the end of the party.*

None (of) is always followed by a plural verb.

***None of** my friends are going to the concert next week.*

*I need to go shopping. **None of** my clothes fit me.*

Exercise 1

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 Rebecca is a cousin of mine. She's | a next to each other in Maths and English. |
| 2 Ryan was a pupil of my husband's. He was in | b together at the hospital. |
| 3 Marie was a colleague of Daniel's. They worked | c each other for years. |
| 4 Jane is a neighbour of Peter's. She has | d the oldest daughter of my mother's sister. |
| 5 Louise is a classmate of Ella's. They sit | e a flat in the same building. |
| 6 Karen is an old friend of mine. We've known | f his class at Park School. |

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

ours | mine | theirs | yours | hers | his

- 1 I didn't have my mobile with me, so Hans lent me _____.
- 2 You look cold. If you haven't got a jacket, use _____ – I'm not cold.
- 3 We don't need to buy a tent. Angie and Julian aren't using _____, so they said we can borrow it.
- 4 We have the same pens, don't we? Is this mine or _____?
- 5 I thought this book was mine but my sister said it was _____. She's right – it's got her name in it!
- 6 We bought that ball last summer, don't you remember? It's definitely _____.

Exercise 3

Match the two parts.

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| 1 It's Tom's book. | a It's hers. |
| 2 It's definitely Maria's mobile. | b They're yours. |
| 3 Those tennis rackets belong to us. | c It's his. |
| 4 That umbrella belongs to me. | d They're ours. |
| 5 The plates are the neighbours'. | e They're theirs. |
| 6 You brought those cups with you, Melissa. | f It's mine. |

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

his | ours | hers | theirs | yours | mine

- 1 Mrs Andrews was a favourite teacher of _____, but I was the only student who liked her!
- 2 I met Greg at your house – I think it was at a party of _____.
- 3 I saw those two guys with Maria in a café yesterday. They're new friends of _____.
- 4 Jim and I have known Sophie and Rick for years. They're really good friends of _____.
- 5 I'm not sure how Adam knows George. Perhaps he's a neighbour of _____.
- 6 Beth goes to a different school from me. She goes to school with Isabelle and Mia. She's a classmate of _____.

Exercise 5

Put the correct word in each gap.

one | yours | ones | his | ours | hers

After the party

Everybody brought something to eat, and now I need to decide who these things belong to. I remember my aunt bringing the blue plates so these are definitely ¹_____. James brought this green one with a cake on it, so that's ²_____. These white ³_____ are ours and this pink ⁴_____ is Sarah's. The knives and forks are definitely not ⁵_____ because the ones we have look much older than that! Ah, Helen, I have a bowl here that belongs to you. This is ⁶_____, isn't it?

Exercise 6

Put each sentence into the correct order.

1 is / umbrella / mine / that / .

That umbrella is mine.

2 pen / that / yours / is / ?

3 mine / a / he's / friend / of / .

4 a / colleague / she's / Amy's / of / .

5 he / of / yours / a / friend / is / ?

6 yours / that / is / mine / or / ?