

# 29 Possessions

## A Family possessions



One of my favourite **possessions** is a **diary**<sup>1</sup> that **belonged** to my aunt.



A **recording**<sup>5</sup> of my grandmother's **voice**. She was quite a famous singer. It has very happy **memories** for me.



My grandfather's old **camera**<sup>2</sup>. I've also got some of his old **tools**<sup>3</sup>. I had his **gun**, but I haven't got it **any more** – I gave it to a museum.



A book of my mother's **recipes**<sup>4</sup>. I use it a lot.

### GLOSSARY

<b>possessions</b>	the things that you have or own
<b>belong to sb</b>	That book <b>belongs to</b> me. = It is my book.
<b>gun</b>	a weapon that shoots out pieces of metal to kill or hurt people or animals
<b>(not) any more</b>	used at the end of negative sentences and questions to mean 'now'
<b>recording</b>	sounds on CD, video or film
<b>voice</b>	the sounds that you make when you speak or sing
<b>memory</b>	sth that you remember

- 1 These words all have the same weak sound in them, as in *important*, *remember* and *comfortable*. Underline the sound in these words. Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ family      1 recipe      2 memory      3 diary      4 camera      5 possession

- 2 Write the name of the possession that matches the definition.

- ▶ You use this when you do a special job with your hands. a tool
- 1 You take photos with this. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 You use this when you're singing or talking. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 You read these when you're cooking. \_\_\_\_\_ 6 You write what you're going to do in this. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 things that belong to you \_\_\_\_\_ 7 sounds on a computer file, CD, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 This can kill people or animals. \_\_\_\_\_ 8 something that you remember \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ Do you know the date of the party? ~ Yes, I wrote it in my diary.
- 1 Do you still sing? ~ I did a few years ago, but I don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 How are you going to cut that wood? ~ I have a special \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
- 3 How did you make that pasta dish? ~ I used a \_\_\_\_\_ from my Italian cookbook.
- 4 Have you still got that photo of grandfather? ~ Yes, it brings back happy \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 That man looks very dangerous. ~ Yes! He's got a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 6 I can't hear what she's saying. ~ No, she's got a very quiet \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Whose car is that? ~ It \_\_\_\_\_ to my brother.
- 8 You love that old diary of grandmother's. ~ I do. It's one of my favourite \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 Have you got any important family possessions? If so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Have you got happy memories of school? What did you like? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Do you use a camera, or do you use the camera on your phone? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Have you got a recording of a family member's voice? If so, who and why? \_\_\_\_\_



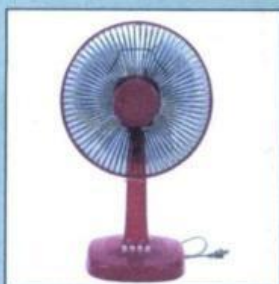
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## B Describing possessions



fan



electric fan



phone (ALSO telephone)




phone / mobile (phone)

A fan is an **unusual shape** and is used to make you cooler. It's made of **wood** and **material** or paper. There are also **electric fans**.

A **mobile phone** is a **device** made of **metal** and **plastic**. Modern phones are **flat** and thin. It has a lot of different **purposes** – a phone, an **alarm clock**, a **digital camera**, or a device for playing games.

### GLOSSARY

<b>unusual</b>	If sth is <b>unusual</b> , you do not see it often or it does not happen often.
<b>shape</b>	A circle ○ and a square □ are two different <b>shapes</b> .
<b>wood</b>	<b>Wood</b> comes from trees.
<b>material</b>	cloth you use for making clothes, curtains, etc.
<b>device</b>	a piece of equipment you use for doing a special job
<b>metal</b>	Gold, silver and iron are types of <b>metal</b> .

<b>plastic</b>	an artificial substance that is used for making many different things, e.g. <b>plastic flowers</b> , <b>plastic cups</b>
<b>flat</b>	thin and wide and with no parts higher than the rest
<b>purpose</b>	the reason for doing sth
<b>alarm clock</b>	a clock that makes a noise to wake you up
<b>digital</b>	this is a <b>digital</b> clock —  ALSO <b>digital camera/TV</b>

### 5 True or false? Write T or F.

- ▶ Chairs are often made of wood. T
- 1 Clothes are often made of plastic. ....
- 2 Trousers are made of material. ....
- 3 A digital television is flat. ....
- 4 An alarm clock is often made of material. ....
- 5 A circle and a square are different shapes. ....

- 6 The purpose tells you why you are doing something. ....
- 7 If something is unusual, it's normal. ....
- 8 An electric fan is useful if it's very cold. ....
- 9 Mobile phones and digital cameras are devices. ....

### 6 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

- ▶ The / of that big electric fan is to make the room cooler. purpose
- 1 I use my mobile as an clock in the mornings. ....
- 2 My desk is made of and is very old. ....
- 3 What is the table? ~ I think it's round. ....
- 4 He's got a very alarm clock – it's made of wood. ....
- 5 The garden chairs are made of white and they're very hard. ....
- 6 A computer is made of and plastic. ....
- 7 What do you call the that turns the TV on and off? ....

### 7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What shape is the table in your living room / dining room? .....
- 2 Do you use the alarm clock on your mobile phone? .....
- 3 What can you see in front of you that is made of wood? Plastic? Metal? .....
- 4 Have you got a digital TV? .....
- 5 Do you ever use a fan or an electric fan? .....



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