

Possessive

- We use the possessive form to express a relation. Often the fact that someone has something or that something belongs to someone.
- Says that the first noun belongs to, or is part of, the second noun.
- We normally use of to talk about things, not about people or animals.

Structure

Noun + of + Noun [Not person or animal]

Example:

The King of Sweden is visiting next month.

Sweden's king is visiting next month.

Thomson discovered the electron.

The electron was discovered by Thomson.

The electron was discovered at Cambridge.

The man was arrested.

My car was stolen. // We do not know who stole my car.

Mistakes have been made.

This book must be returned to the library by the date above.

James bond was created by Ian Fleming.

1. Verbs which can not be passive: An intransitive verb can not be passive.

2. Some state verbs can not be passive.

The baby is smiling.

Peter has a guitar.