

Expressing possession

GRAMMAR

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Beginner

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English



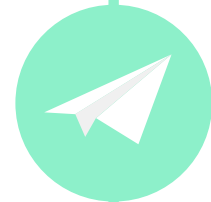


Goals

- Can recognise and understand how to express possession of nouns by adding -s or using of
- Can read and understand simple texts that express possession, forming own basic sentences showing possession



Whose desk is brown? My **colleague's** desk is brown. **Her** chair is also brown but the colour **of** her laptop is white.





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn how to **express possession**.



This is **Tom's** desk.



Possession

When talking about things that belong to people we add an **apostrophe + s** to the name of the owner and put the object they own directly afterwards to indicate possession.

If the owner is plural, or the name ends with an **s**, simply add an **apostrophe** at the end of the name.

The coat of the doctor	The doctor 's coat
The hair of Mary	Mary 's hair
The shoes of my colleague	My colleague 's shoes
The shop of Tim	Tim 's shop
The office of James	James' office
The bread of the bakers	The bakers' bread



Her shirt

We can also use pronouns or possessive adjectives to say who something belongs to.

I am wearing a white shirt. → **My** shirt is white.

You are wearing a brown shirt. → **Your** shirt is brown.

He or **she** is wearing a shirt. → **His** or **her** shirt is blue.

The colour of the **shirt** is red. → **Its** colour is red.

We are wearing white shirts. → **Our** shirts are white.

They are wearing pink shirts. → **Their** shirts are pink.



Be careful with the spelling of the word **its**. It is **not** the same as the word **it's**. The word **it's** is a common contraction of the words **it** and **is**, and has nothing to do with possession.



Possession

We often use **of** to describe possession and qualities that objects or abstract nouns have.

The building is big.	The size of the building is big.
Her shirt is blue.	The colour of her shirt is blue.
America's states are united.	The United States of America.



Practise using possessive adjectives

"I have a laptop!"

That is _____ laptop.

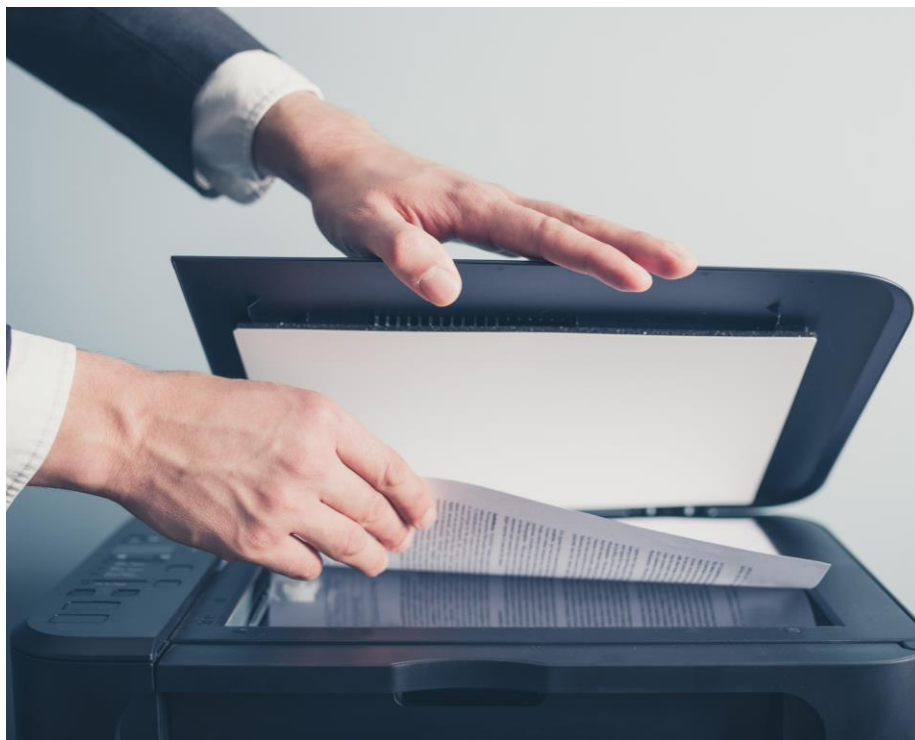




Practise using possessive adjectives

“You have a photocopier!”

That is _____ photocopier.





Practise using possessive adjectives

“He has a suit!”

That is _____ suit.





Practise using possessive adjectives

“She is going on a business trip alone for the first time!”

It’s _____ first business trip alone.





Practise using possessive adjectives

"They are drinking coffee!"

That is _____ coffee.





Practice

Practise indicating possession.

1. The woman is wearing a red shirt. The _____ shirt is red.
2. They love that café. It's _____ favourite café.
3. The man is wearing a dark suit. _____ suit is dark.
4. The woman has a nice office. The _____ office is nice.
5. My boss gives good advice. My _____ advice is good.



Use a possessive adjective instead of 's or *of*

1. The man's suit is grey.

→ **His** suit is grey.

2. The woman's office is big.



3. The colour of the book is blue.



4. The rooms of the office are clean.



5. My colleague's hair is red.





Indicating ownership

Change the sentences so that they have possessive adjectives instead of proper nouns.

1. John's office is small.
2. PepsiCo's HQ is in the United States.
3. Kevin's colleague is working a lot.
4. My boss' husband is in the office.



Practise using possessive adjectives



man's

mans

The colour of the
_____ tie is red.

womans

woman's

The _____ shirt is
orange.

it's

its

Not really. I think
_____ not good for
work.

are

is

Oh yes, her shoes
_____ nice!

Yes, _____ tie is red.

Wow, you're right. It really is
orange! Do you like
_____ colour?

But have you seen
_____ shoes?

his

their

it's

its

hers

her



Whose?

There is another **wh-** word: **whose**. It is used to ask who something belongs to.

who	whose
Who is wearing a white shirt?	Whose shirt is white?
Who has a cup of coffee?	Whose cup of coffee is that?



Whose with *be* questions and *do* questions

We can use **whose** with **be** questions and with **do** questions.

be questions	do questions
Whose shirt is white?	Whose shirt do you like?
Whose office is that?	Whose office do you prefer?



Ask and answer

Talk about the picture



Whose jacket is black?

Whose jacket is grey?

Whose shirt is white?



Reading

Hello, my name is Sarah. I'm 35 years old and I love my job. I work at our company HQ in London. My company produces clothes. We have offices in 8 countries.

My friend Alex works in a different company. He has a job in a very big company – it has offices in 120 countries. The company HQ is in New York. His company supplies offices with pens and paper.





Answer the questions

Answer the questions about Sarah and Alex.

1. Whose company has offices in 120 countries?
2. Whose company produces clothes?
3. Whose friend is called Alex?
4. Whose company has offices in 8 countries?
5. Whose company supplies offices with pens and paper?





Practise what you've learned

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences

1. _____ is coming to the meeting?
2. _____ office is that in the corner?
3. _____ opinion do you think is more important?
4. My boss can never make up _____ mind.
5. _____ colleague thinks she is a good worker.



Practise what you've learned

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences

1. Can I borrow _____ phone for a minute?

2. Alice _____ desk is really nice.

3. The size _____ this company is perfect. I know everyone!

4. He likes _____ boss because she always speaks _____ mind.



A conversation about possessions

Questions about
possessions

- What is your favourite possession on your desk?
- Do you have many possessions at work?

My favourite possession is my laptop!



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key (1/2)

Exercise p. 8
That is **my** laptop.

Exercise p. 9
That is **your** photocopier.

Exercise p. 10
That is **his** suit.

Exercise p. 11
It's **her** first business trip alone.

Exercise p. 12
That is **their** coffee.

Exercise p. 13
1. woman's, 2. their, 3. His, 4. woman's,
5. boss's

Exercise p. 14
2. **Her** office is big.
3. **Its** colour is blue.
4. **Its** rooms are clean.
5. **Her** hair is red.

Exercise p. 15
1. **His** office is small.

2. **Their/its** HQ is in the United States.
3. **His** colleague is working a lot.
4. **His/her** boss' husband is in the office.

Exercise p. 16
man's, his, woman's, its, it's, her, are



Answer key (2/2)

Exercise p. 20

1. Alex's company has offices in 120 countries.
2. Sarah's company produces clothes.
3. Sarah's friend is called Alex.
4. Sarah's company has offices in 8 countries.
5. Alex's company supplies offices with pens and paper.

Exercise p. 21

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Exercise p. 22

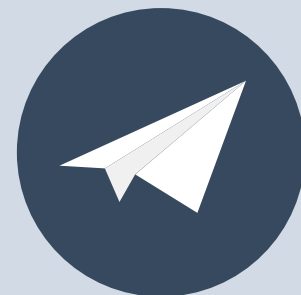
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Complete the table

I	my
you	_____
he	_____
she	_____
it	_____
we	_____
they	_____





Fill in the gaps with the right word

1. My colleague Greg works in London. _____ office is near Big Ben.
2. My friend Helen's company is very big. She loves _____ job.
3. Tim and Tina work for the same company. _____ boss is really lazy.
4. My colleague and I work in Paris. _____ boss is very nice.





Homework answer key

Exercise p. 30

1. His, 2. her, 3. Their, 4. Our

Exercise p. 29

I, my, you, your, he, his, she, her, it, its, we, our, they, their



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