

POSSESSIVE 'S

A1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Say who things belong to.

1. READ: After football practice

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar forms.

Jack: Is this **Tom's** jacket?

Eva: No, **Tom's** jacket is blue. That one is mine.

Jack: Okay. Where are his shoes?

Eva: They're under the bench, next to **Anna's** bag.

Jack: And are these the **children's** footballs?

Eva: Yes. Let's put them in the box.

2. GRAMMAR: Who owns it?

Use a name or noun + 's to show who owns something.

Owner	Possessive form	Example
One person	Add 's	Anna's bag
Regular plural ending in -s	Add an apostrophe	the students' books
Irregular plural	Add 's	the children's toys

One owner: **my sister's bike**. More than one: **my sisters' bikes**.

Use the owner's name before the thing: **Tom's phone**.

Compare: **Tom's bag** = the bag belongs to Tom. **Tom's tired** = Tom is tired.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: **Anna's** / Annas bag.

1. Ben's / Bens coat

2. my mother's / my mothers phone

3. the childrens' / children's toys

4. the dog's / the dogs bowl (one dog)

5. my brothers' / brother's bikes (two brothers)

6. the teachers' / teacher's room (three teachers)

7. the womens' / women's bags

8. the boy's / boys' hat (one boy)

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Anna's birthday

Write the possessive form of the words in brackets.

Today is (1) _____ (Anna) birthday. The party is at (2) _____ (Anna) house. (3) _____ (Her brother) cake is on the table, next to (4) _____ (her sister) sandwiches.

Two children are in the garden. The (5) _____ (children) ball is under a chair. The (6) _____ (dog) bowl is by the door.

Anna's parents are taking photos. Her (7) _____ (parents) camera is new. After the party, the (8) _____ (guests) coats are ready by the door.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Rewrite using 's.

Example: the bag of Anna - **Anna's bag**.

1. the phone of Tom

2. the room of my sister

3-4: Rewrite with a possessive form. Example: the toys of the children - **the children's toys**.

3. the books of the students

4. the coats of the men

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three sentences about things that belong to people you know.

Example: **My brother's bike is red. Anna's bag is blue. My parents' car is small.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Ask your partner about two things: **Whose bag is that?**
Is it Anna's bag? What colour is your brother's bike?
2. Report one answer. **Her brother's bike is red.**

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 3. children's | 4. dog's |
| 5. brothers' | 6. teachers' |
| 7. women's | 8. boy's |

B. COMPLETE: Anna's birthday

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| 1. Anna's | 2. Anna's |
| 3. Her brother's | 4. her sister's |
| 5. children's | 6. dog's |
| 7. parents' | 8. guests' |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. Tom's phone
2. my sister's room
3. the students' books
4. the men's coats

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: My brother's bike is red. Anna's bag is blue. My parents' car is small.

Teacher note: Check the apostrophe position. Keep a singular owner singular in C1-2; use plural owners in C3-4.