

## Lecture (23)

# At home

*In Unit 8, you learn how to . . .*

- use *Whose . . . ?* and *mine, yours, his, hers, etc.*
- order adjectives before nouns and the pronouns *one* and *ones*.
- talk about your home, your belongings, and your habits.
- use *Do you mind . . . ?* to ask for permission and *Would you mind . . . ?* to make requests.
- agree to requests in different ways.



# LESSON A: SPRING CLEANING

## Possessive Forms

**Spring cleaning**

**Thomas** There's so much stuff in here!  
Are all these things really ours?  
I mean, whose coat is this?  
Is it yours or your grandmother's?

**Katie** Hey, it's mine, and I like it.

**Thomas** And whose clothes are these?

**Katie** Oh, they're my sister's. She's storing some things here while she's away. The jewelry's hers, too. Ugh, look at these awful earrings. She has such weird taste.

**Thomas** But those are yours. I bought them for you!

**Katie** Oh, you did? Sorry. I guess they're not so bad.

**Can you complete the sentences?**

Use the conversation above to help you.

① A **Whose** stuff is this?  
B It's ours.

② A Is this coat yours?  
B Yes, it's **Mine**.

③ A Are these your sister's earrings?  
B Yes, they're **Her**.



## WHOSE . . . ?

- Whose . . . ? = Who does this belong to?

### Form

- Whose + singular / plural noun + be + pronoun?

*Whose coat is this?*

*Whose earrings are they?*

- Whose can be used in other patterns:

*Whose jacket did you borrow?*

## POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

We use possessive adjectives to show who owns or “possesses” something , the possessive adjectives are :

number	person	gender	possessive adjective	example sentence
singular	1st	male/female	my	This is <b>my</b> book.
	2nd	male/female	your	I like <b>your</b> car.
	3rd	male	his	<b>His</b> name is "John".
		female	her	<b>Her</b> name is "Mary".
		neuter	its	The dog is eating <b>its</b> food.
plural	1st	male/female	our	We like <b>our</b> house.
	2nd	male/female	your	<b>Your</b> children are nice.
	3rd	male/female/neuter	their	The students thanked <b>their</b> teacher



## POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES EXERCISE

○ Complete the sentences with the right possessive adjective:

1. Two students didn't do Their mathematics homework.
2. I have a car. My car is black.
3. We have a dog. It's name is Poncho.
4. Nancy is from England. Her husband is from Australia.
5. Sarah and Nadia go to a high school. Their little brother goes to primary school.
6. Mr. O'Brian has a van. His van is very old.
7. We go to a high school. Our high school is fantastic.
8. I like swimming. My brother swims with me.
9. Frank and Alan are French. Their family are from France.
10. Mary likes Her grandmother. She often visits her.

## NOTES

### **Compare:**

- **your** = possessive adjective  
you're = you are
- **its** = possessive adjective  
it's = it is *OR* it has
- **their** = possessive adjective  
they're = they are  
there = adverb (I'm not going there / look over there / there is a car outside)
- **whose** = possessive adjective  
who's = who is *OR* who has

## Possessive pronouns

We use possessive pronouns depending on:

- number: singular (e.g.: mine) or plural (e.g.: ours)
- person: 1st person (e.g.: mine), 2nd person (e.g.: yours) or 3rd person (e.g.: his)
- gender: male (his), female (hers)

number	person	Gender (of "owner")	possessive pronouns
singular	1st	male/female	<b>mine</b>
	2nd	male/female	<b>yours</b>
	3rd	male	<b>his</b>
		female	<b>hers</b>
plural	1st	male/female	<b>ours</b>
	2nd	male/female	<b>yours</b>
	3rd	male/female/neuter	<b>theirs</b>

## EXAMPLES

- Look at these cars. **Mine** is the white one. (subject = My car)
- I like your pictures. Do you like **mine**? (object = my pictures)
- I looked everywhere for your key. I found John's key but I couldn't find **yours**. (object = your key)
- My flowers are dying. **Yours** are lovely. (subject = Your flowers)
- All the essays were good but **his** was the best. (subject = his essay)
- John found his passport but Mary couldn't find **hers**. (object = her passport)
- John found his clothes but Mary couldn't find **hers**. (object = her clothes)
- Here is your car. **Ours** is over there, where we left it. (subject = Our car)
- Your photos are good. **Ours** are terrible. (subject = Our photos)
- My shoes are Italian. **Yours** are Chinese. (subject = Your shoes)
- I don't like this family's garden but I like **yours**. (subject = your garden)
- These aren't John and Mary's children. **Theirs** have black hair. (subject = Their children)
- John and Mary don't like your car. Do you like **theirs**? (object = their car)

## Grammar

Whose bathing suit is this?	It's <b>my</b> bathing suit.	It's <b>mine</b> .
Whose jewelry is this?	They're <b>your</b> earrings.	They're <b>yours</b> .
Whose clothes are these?	It's <b>her</b> jewelry.	It's <b>hers</b> .
	They're <b>his</b> shoes.	They're <b>his</b> .
	They're <b>our</b> things.	They're <b>ours</b> .
	It's <b>their</b> stuff.	It's <b>theirs</b> .

Complete the conversations with possessive pronouns.

- A Where do you keep your photos?

B Well, I keep **Mine** in a box under my bed.  
My sister keeps **hers** in an album. My parents put **Thiers** in frames on the wall, and my brother throws **His** on the floor!
- A Do you ever lose your keys? I'm always losing **Mine**.

B No. We always keep **ours** on top of the refrigerator.
- A What do you do with your old clothes?

B Sometimes I give things to a friend of **Mine**.  
My sisters keep **theirs** for years. But my mom gives **hers** to charity.
- A How long do you keep your credit card receipts?

B Just till the bill comes. How long do you keep **yours**?





A I keep **Mine** for months.

## POSSESSIVE 'S

- When we want to show that something belongs to somebody or something, we usually add 's to a singular noun and an apostrophe ' to a plural noun, for example:

Ahmad's car - Sami's pen - Mary's house - the boy's ball

- The friend of my father
- My father's friend

	one ball	more than one ball
one boy	the boy's ball 	the boy's balls 
more than one boy	the boys' ball 	the boys' balls 

### Irregular Plurals

singular noun	plural noun
my child's dog	my children's dog
the man's work	the men's work
the mouse's cage	the mice's cage
a person's clothes	people's clothes