



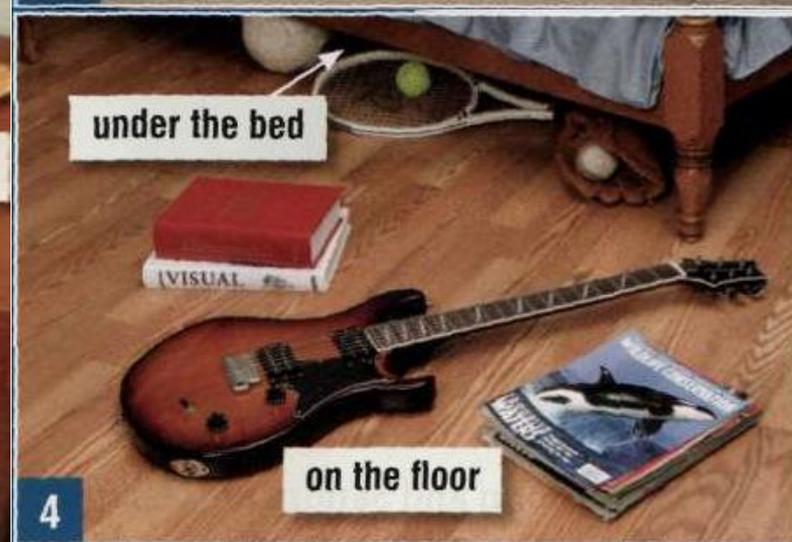
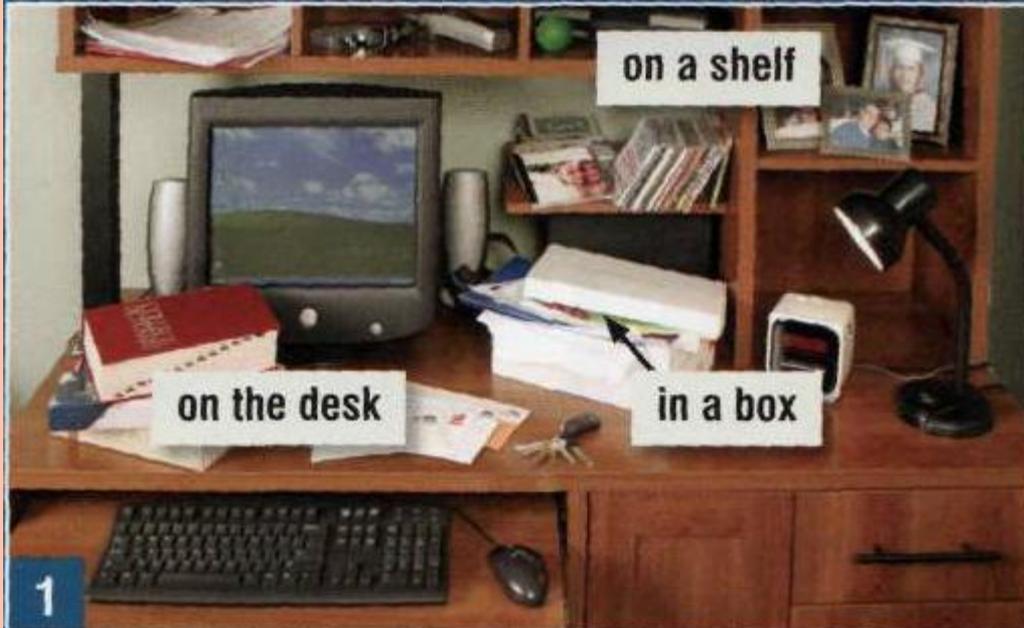
**LECTURE 24**  
**Unit 8**

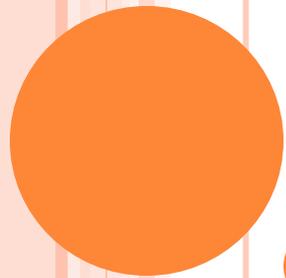
# *At home*

*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 hers.

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

# POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES EXERCISE

o 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. Its 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?

**Whose** jewelry is this?

**Whose** clothes are these?

It's **my** bathing suit.

They're **your** earrings.

It's **her** jewelry.

They're **his** shoes.

They're **our** things.

It's **their** stuff.

It's **mine**.

They're **yours**.

It's **hers**.

They're **his**.

They're **ours**.

It's **theirs**.



## Complete the conversations with possessive pronouns.

1. 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 theirs in frames on the wall, and my brother throws his on the floor!

2. A Do you ever lose your keys? I'm always losing mine.

B No. We always keep ours on top of the refrigerator.

3. 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.

4. 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

