

Anne's daughter, our family

Family and possessive 's

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Family and possessive 's

For one owner, add apostrophe plus **s**: **Anne's daughter, Nicky's brother, Jack's trumpet**. The owner comes first. A plural ending in **-s** normally adds just an apostrophe: **my parents' house**.

Compare **Anne's house** (ownership) with **Anne's at home (Anne is)**. The following words show which meaning the contraction has. Possessive **its** has no apostrophe; **it's** means **it is** or **it has**.

Review **my/your/his/her/our/their** before a noun. Family words such as **mother, father, brother, sister, son** and **daughter** are countable.

Form	Example	Meaning
Anne's	This is Anne's daughter.	Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.
parents'	This is my parents' house.	Say the house belongs to both your parents.
his	Milo loves his home.	Refer to the male cat's home.
its	The cat is eating its food.	Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.
It's	It's my family.	Use the contraction for it is.

Form	Example	Meaning
our	We live here. This is our home.	Refer to the home belonging to us.

This is Anne's daughter.

Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.

This is my parents' house.

Say the house belongs to both your parents.

Milo loves his home.

Refer to the male cat's home.

The cat is eating its food.

Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.

It's my family.

Use the contraction for it is.

We live here. This is our home.

Refer to the home belonging to us.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS**

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 This is Anne's daughter.

Meaning: Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.

- 2 This is my parents' house.

Meaning: Say the house belongs to both your parents.

- 3 Milo loves his home.

Meaning: Refer to the male cat's home.

- 4 The cat is eating its food.

Meaning: Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.

- 5 It's my family.

Meaning: Use the contraction for it is.

- 6 We live here. This is our home.

Meaning: Refer to the home belonging to us.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 This is _____ daughter.

- ☐ A Annes
- ☐ B Anne's
- ☐ C Anne

Meaning: Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.

- 2 This is my _____ house.

- ☐ A parents
- ☐ B parents'
- ☐ C parent's

Meaning: Say the house belongs to both your parents.

3 Milo loves _____ home.

- ☐ A his
- ☐ B their
- ☐ C her

Meaning: Refer to the male cat's home.

4 The cat is eating _____ food.

- ☐ A it's
- ☐ B it
- ☐ C its

Meaning: Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.

5 _____ my family.

- ☐ A It's
- ☐ B Its
- ☐ C It

Meaning: Use the contraction for it is.

6 We live here. This is _____ home.

- ☐ (A) our
- ☐ (B) your
- ☐ (C) his

Meaning: Refer to the home belonging to us.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Anne Anne's

This is _____ daughter.

Meaning: Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.

parents parents'

This is my _____ house.

Meaning: Say the house belongs to both your parents.

her his

Milo loves _____ home.

Meaning: Refer to the male cat's home.

it's its

The cat is eating _____ food.

Meaning: Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.

Its It's

_____ my family.

Meaning: Use the contraction for it is.

his our

We live here. This is _____ home.

Meaning: Refer to the home belonging to us.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 is daughter. This Anne's

Meaning: Identify the daughter belonging to Anne.

- 2 is house. This my parents'

Meaning: Say the house belongs to both your parents.

3 loves his Milo home.

Meaning: Refer to the male cat's home.

4 its is The cat food. eating

Meaning: Use the possessive form without an apostrophe.

5 It's family. my

Meaning: Use the contraction for it is.

6 This live here. is home. our We

Meaning: Refer to the home belonging to us.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Identify the daughter belonging to Anne. You say:

- ☐ A This is Anne daughter.
- ☐ B This is Anne's daughter.

2 Say the house belongs to both your parents. You say:

- ☐ A This is my parents' house.
- ☐ B This is my parents house.

3 Refer to the male cat's home. You say:

- ☐ A Milo loves her home.
- ☐ B Milo loves his home.

4 Use the possessive form without an apostrophe. You say:

- ☐ A The cat is eating its food.
- ☐ B The cat is eating it's food.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① This is my parents' house. | ① A Use the possessive form without an apostrophe. |
| ② Milo loves his home. | ② B Refer to the male cat's home. |
| ③ It's my family. | ③ C Say the house belongs to both your parents. |
| ④ This is Anne's daughter. | ④ D Refer to the home belonging to us. |
| ⑤ We live here. This is our home. | ⑤ E Use the contraction for it is. |
| ⑥ The cat is eating its food. | ⑥ F Identify the daughter belonging to Anne. |