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## Possessive Nouns

### Introduction

1) The possessive form is used with nouns referring to people, groups of people, countries, and animals. It shows a relationship of belonging between one thing and another.

***Leslie's** aunt is a doctor.*

2) To form the possessive, add an apostrophe + -s to the noun.

*My **brother's** computer was stolen a week ago.*

***Children's** toys were on the ground.*

If the noun already ends in -s, just add an apostrophe.

***Students'** homework will be assessed later.*

For names ending in -s, you can either add an apostrophe + -s, or just an apostrophe. The first option is more common.

*They want to sell **James's** car.*

Study some of the fixed expressions where the possessive form is used.

*a day's work, a month's pay, in a year's time, for God's sake*

Note that the possessive is also used to refer to shops, restaurants, churches, universities etc., using the name or job title of the owner.

*I want to go to **Luigi's** for dinner.*

*Peter has an appointment **at the dentist's** at 10 a.m.*

### Short Story Dialogue

*– It's so difficult living together with him. **James's** clothes are always lying everywhere. And then he would come to our place together with his **brother's** friends and play board games till 10 p.m.*

*– Maybe he doesn't see this as an issue. Have you talked about it with him?*

*– Why can't he get it without me pointing these issues out? **My parents'** relationship isn't like that....*

*– Stop complaining for God's sake! I think that **James's** patience will run out soon.*

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