

## POSSESSIVES 1: FORMING POSSESSIVES FROM NOUNS

A possessive form is used to indicate the person whom something belongs to. For example:

It is *Jane's* book.

The *girls'* bags were identical.

### SENTENCE CONVERSION

Rewrite the sentences using possessives so that the meaning stays the same.

1. I went to the house of my sister.	
2. The car of Mr Jones is not very reliable.	
3. The shoes of the boys were dirty.	
4. The roots of the trees had damaged the pavement.	
5. The roof of the school needed repairing.	
6. I am going out with the sister of James.	
7. A holiday of a week is just what you need.	
8. The floors of the buses were being washed.	

### GET THE APOSTROPHE RIGHT!

Use the words in the box to fill the gaps in the sentences. You will need to add an apostrophe to each word.

girls    aunties    pandas    trees    houses    lamps

- The \_\_\_\_\_ fur had become very dirty.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ house is very large.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriends took them to the cinema.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ roofs had had to be repaired.
- Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ leaves had fallen off.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ beam wasn't very bright.

## POSSESSIVES 2: USING CORRECT POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Possessive pronouns indicate who owns something. For example:

The bag is *mine* and the books are *theirs*.

For more information on possessive pronouns, see the **Language Workshop** panel on **Pronouns** in *Chambers School Dictionary*.

### FIND THE POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Underline the possessive pronouns in the following passage.

1. A snake sheds its skin.
2. Most families are disorganized but ours is worse than most!
3. My sister's bedroom is more untidy than mine. Hers always has clothes all over the floor.
4. Ours is red but theirs is blue.
5. Is this CD yours?
6. Our hair is very different. His is red whereas mine is blonde.

### CORRECT THE SENTENCES

Look at the following sentences. Some are correct, others are not. If a sentence is correct, put a tick in the right-hand column. If it is wrong, write it correctly in the right-hand column.

SENTENCE	CORRECT/INCORRECT
1. It's Janes bicycle.	
2. Your's is a lot better than mine.	
3. I like its pretty orange colour.	
4. She put hers on the table.	
5. The dog's fur was very soft.	
6. Their's is the one with the green door.	
7. I'll hang her's up to dry.	
8. Mine's here but I can't see yours anywhere.	