

My Family

Family words · The possessive case ('s) · my, his, her, their



Aims of the unit : In this unit, you learn to talk about your family and to say who things belong to.

At the end of the unit, I can...

- ☐ name the members of a family
- ☐ read and draw a family tree
- ☐ use the possessive case
- ☐ use possessive adjectives
- ☐ ask questions about a family
- ☐ read and understand a text about someone's family
- ☐ understand a person talking about their family
- ☐ write a short text about my family
- ☐ present my family (real or imaginary) to the class

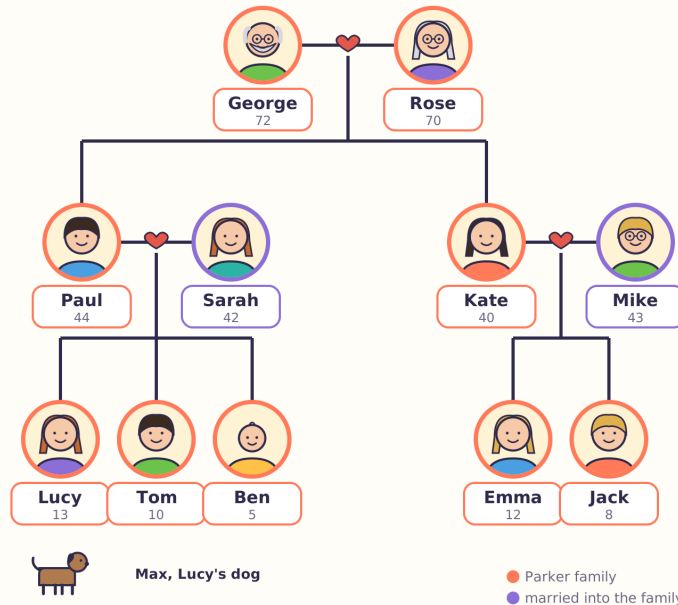


PART 1

Vocabulary

Family words

The Parker family



Close family

English	Français
the mother / mum	la mère / maman
the father / dad	le père / papa
the parents	les parents
the son	le fils
the daughter	la fille
the children (1 child)	les enfants (1 enfant)
the brother	le frère
the sister	la sœur
the siblings	les frères et sœurs
the twins	les jumeaux / les jumelles
an only child	un enfant unique
the husband	le mari
the wife	la femme / l'épouse
the baby	le bébé

Extended family

English	Français
the grandmother / grandma / granny	la grand-mère / mamie
the grandfather / grandpa	le grand-père / papy
the grandparents	les grands-parents
the grandson / the granddaughter	le petit-fils / la petite-fille
the grandchildren	les petits-enfants
the uncle	l'oncle
the aunt	la tante
the cousin	le cousin / la cousine
the nephew	le neveu
the niece	la nièce

Families are all different!

English	Français
the stepmother / stepfather	la belle-mère / le beau-père (nouveau partenaire d'un parent)
the stepbrother / stepsister	le demi-frère / la demi-sœur (sans parent commun)
the half-brother / half-sister	le demi-frère / la demi-sœur (un parent commun)
the mother-in-law / father-in-law	la belle-mère / le beau-père (parents du conjoint)
separated / divorced	séparé(e)s / divorcé(e)s
a single parent	un parent seul
a pet	un animal de compagnie

Useful phrases

- I have got two brothers. / I haven't got any sisters.
- I'm an only child.
- My parents are separated. I live with my mum during the week.
- There are five people in my family.
- My grandma lives with us.

Exercise 1 – Complete the table

Male ♂	Female ♀	Both
father	.....	parents
.....	daughter	children
brother	sister	.....
grandfather	.....	grandparents
grandson	.....	.....
.....	aunt	–
nephew	.....	–
husband	.....	–

Exercise 2 – Look at the family tree. Who is who?

- Paul is Lucy's **father**.
- Rose is Tom's
- Kate is Ben's
- Mike is Lucy's
- Emma is Lucy's
- Jack is Kate's
- Sarah is Paul's
- Lucy is George's
- Jack is Paul's
- Emma is Sarah's
- Lucy, Tom and Ben are Kate's
- George and Rose are Jack's

Exercise 3 – Odd one out

Circle the word that is different. Explain why.

- mother – aunt – uncle – sister →
- son – nephew – niece – brother →
- grandma – granny – grandpa – grandmother →
- parents – twins – siblings – cousin →



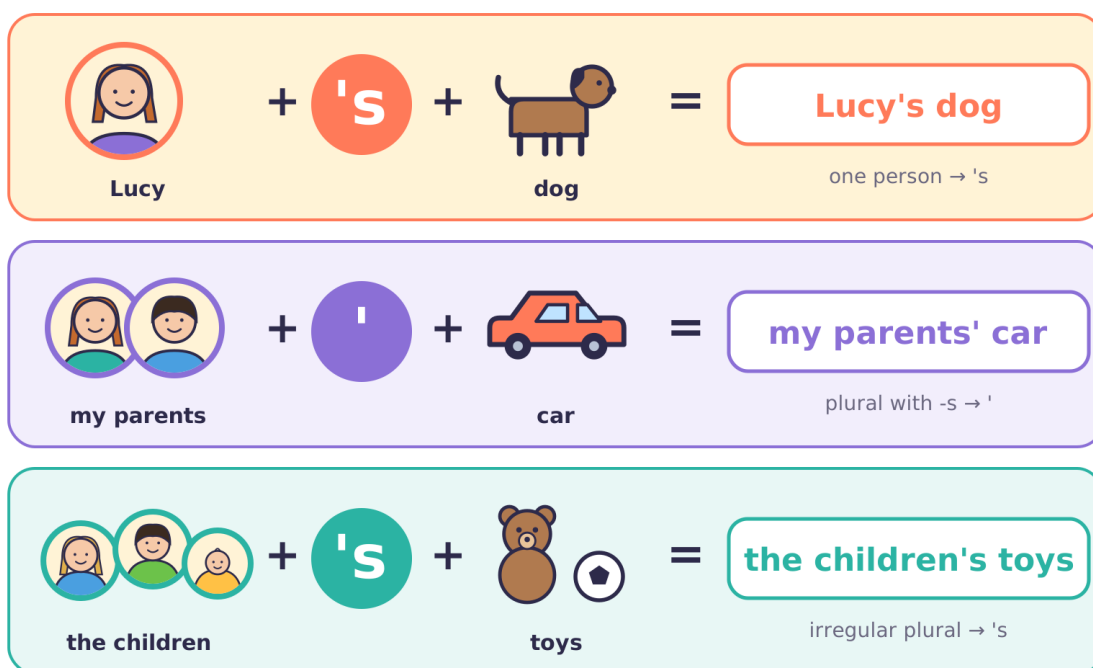
PART 2 Grammar

The possessive case & my, his, her

A. The possessive case ('s)

In English, we say who something belongs to with **'s**. The owner comes **first**, then the thing.

Whose is it? The possessive case



Français	English
le chien de Lucy	Lucy's dog
la voiture de mon père	my father's car
la tante de Tom	Tom's aunt

The rules

Owner	Rule	Example
One person / a singular noun	+ 's	Lucy' <u>s</u> dog my sister' <u>s</u> room James' <u>s</u> bike
A plural noun ending in -s	+ ' only	my parents' car the girls' bedroom
An irregular plural (no -s)	+ 's	the children' <u>s</u> toys the men' <u>s</u> shoes the people' <u>s</u> houses
Two people, same thing	's on the last name	Paul and Sarah' <u>s</u> children
Two people, different things	's on each name	Lucy' <u>s</u> and Emma' <u>s</u> bikes

Watch out!

- No article before the owner: ~~the Lucy's dog~~ → **Lucy's dog**
- Don't confuse 's (possession) and 's (is) :
 - o Lucy's dog (possession)
 - o Lucy's 13 (= Lucy **is** 13).
- For things (not people), we usually use of:
 - o the door **of** the house
 - o the end **of** the film.

Exercise 4 – Write the possessive case

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the bike / Tom → | Tom's bike |
| 2. the dog / Lucy → | |
| 3. the car / my parents → | |
| 4. the toys / the children → | |
| 5. the house / my grandparents → | ..... |
| 6. the phone / my sister → | ..... |
| 7. the bedroom / the twins → | ..... |
| 8. the children / Kate and Mike → | ..... |
| 9. the shoes / the women → | ..... |
| 10. the hat / Charles → | ..... |

Exercise 5 – Translate

1. le frère de Lucy →
2. les grands-parents de Jack →
3. la chambre de mes sœurs →
4. les jouets des enfants →
5. la voiture de mon oncle →
6. les enfants de Paul et Sarah →

Exercise 6 – 's = is or possession? Write I (is) or P (possession).

1. Emma's twelve.
2. Emma's mum is Kate.
3. Ben's very small.
4. Ben's toy is red.
5. My dad's name is Paul.
6. My dad's at work.

B. Possessive adjectives

Subject pronoun	Possessive adjective	Example
I	my	This is my sister.
you	your	Is this your pen?
he	his	Tom loves his dog.
she	her	Lucy loves her dog.
it	its	The dog is in its basket.
we	our	Our house is big.
you	your	Children, take your bags!
they	their	They live with their grandma.

Watch out! In English, the adjective depends on the **owner**, not on the thing:

- Tom and **his** sister (Tom = he → his) – *Tom et sa sœur*
- Lucy and **her** brother (Lucy = she → her) – *Lucy et son frère*

Exercise 7 – Complete with my, your, his, her, its, our or their

1. I love grandma. She's very funny.
2. Tom is playing with cousin Jack.
3. Lucy is walking dog Max.
4. George and Rose live in a small house. garden is beautiful.
5. We visit grandparents every Sunday.
6. "Emma, is this jacket?"
7. The cat is eating dinner.
8. Kate and Mike love children.
9. Ben can't find shoes.
10. My mum and I make lunch together.

Exercise 8 – Rewrite the sentences with the possessive case

1. Lucy has got a dog. Its name is Max.
Lucy's dog is called Max.
2. Tom has got a bike. It is blue.
.....
3. My grandparents have got a garden. It is big.
.....
4. Kate has got two children. They are Emma and Jack.
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5. The children have got a playroom. It is upstairs.
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PART 3 Reading

Meet my family! by Lucy

Meet my family! – by Lucy Parker

Hello! I'm Lucy and I'm thirteen. I live in Leeds, in the north of England, with my parents, my two brothers and our dog, Max.

My dad's name is Paul. He's a nurse and he works at the city hospital. My mum, Sarah, is a teacher at a primary school. She's very patient – she has to be, with three children!

My brothers are Tom and Ben. Tom is ten. He's crazy about football and his bedroom is full of posters. Ben is only five. He's the baby of the family and everybody loves him. Ben's favourite toy is an old teddy bear called Mr Brown.

My dad has got a sister, Kate. She's my aunt. Aunt Kate is married to Uncle Mike, and they've got two children: Emma and Jack. Emma is twelve and she's my favourite cousin – we're in the same school and we share everything. Jack is eight. He's very funny but he's a bit noisy!

On Sundays, the whole family goes to my grandparents' house for lunch. Grandpa George is seventy-two and Grandma Rose is seventy. Grandma's apple pie is the best in the world! After lunch, the children play in the garden and the adults talk for hours.

What about Max? Max is my dog. He's three years old and he sleeps in my room. His favourite person is me, of course!

Exercise 9 – True or false? Correct the false sentences.

Sentence	T	F
1. Lucy lives in London.		
2. Lucy's dad works in a hospital.		
3. Lucy's mum is a doctor.		
4. Tom's bedroom is full of posters.		
5. Ben is the oldest child.		
6. Kate is Paul's sister.		
7. Lucy and Emma go to different schools.		
8. The family has lunch at the grandparents' house on Saturdays.		

Exercise 10 – Answer the questions with full sentences

1. How many people are there in Lucy's family (with the dog)?
.....
2. What is Lucy's mum's job?
3. What is Ben's favourite toy?
4. Who is Lucy's favourite cousin? Why?
5. How old is Lucy's grandpa?
6. What is special about Grandma Rose?
7. Where does Max sleep?



PART 4

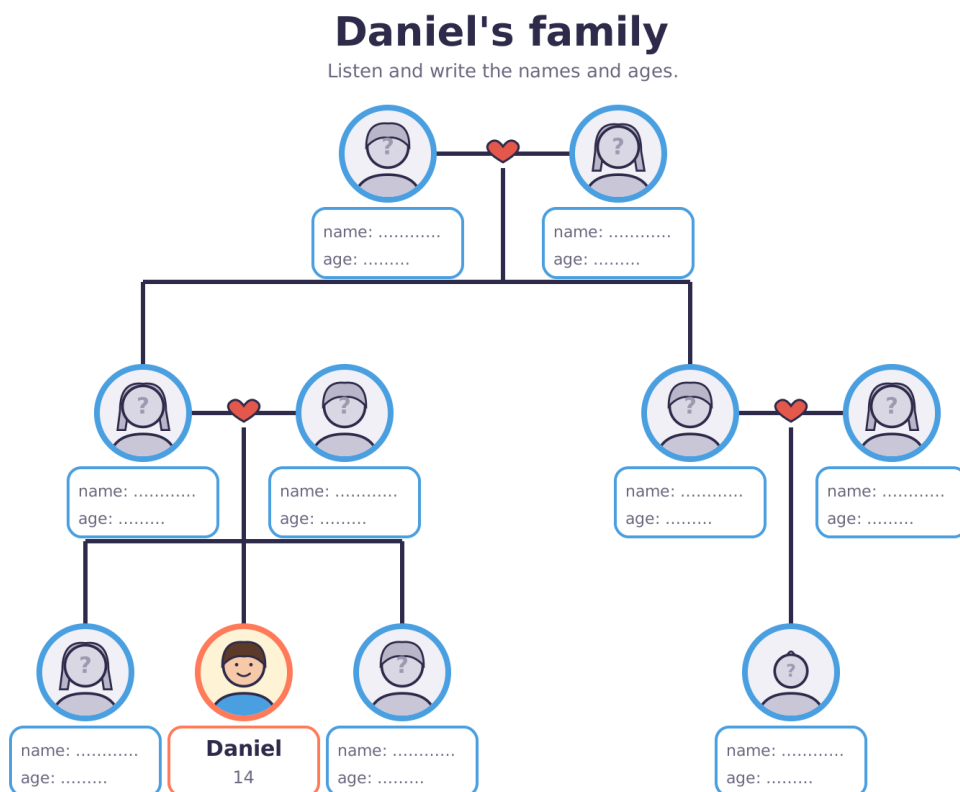
Listening

Daniel's family podcast

Daniel's family

Exercise 11 – First listening: complete the family tree

Write the **names** and the **ages** you hear in the empty boxes. Daniel's box is done for you.



Exercise 12 – Second listening: circle the correct answer

1. Sam is Daniel's
a. cousin b. twin brother c. uncle
2. Chloe is
a. 12 b. 14 c. 16
3. Chloe plays
a. the piano b. the drums c. the violin
4. Daniel's dad is
a. a chef b. a bus driver c. a vet
5. Daniel's grandparents live
a. with the family b. next door c. in Ireland
6. Uncle Peter lives in
a. London b. Dublin c. Cardiff
7. Baby Lily is
a. one b. two c. three
8. Oscar is the family's
a. dog b. cat c. rabbit

Exercise 13 – Complete the sentences

1. is Daniel's mum.
2. Lily is Peter and 's daughter.
3. Chloe's drums are in the
4. Oscar sleeps on 's bed.



PART 5 Writing

Present your family

You can write about your real family, or invent a family (a famous family, a family from a series, your dream family...). It's your choice!

Exercise 14 – Draw your family tree

Draw your family tree in the box. Write each person's name and age.

Exercise 16 – Meet my family! (80–100 words)

Like Lucy, write a text to present your family to an English pen pal.

Include:

- ☐ an introduction (name, age, where you live)
- ☐ at least 5 family members (name, age, one detail: job, hobby, character...)
- ☐ at least 4 examples of the possessive case (*my brother's bike, my grandparents' house...*)
- ☐ at least 4 possessive adjectives (*my, his, her, their...*)
- ☐ have got / has got at least twice
- ☐ a pet (real or imaginary!)
- ☐ a question for your pen pal and a goodbye

Useful start: *Hello! My name is ... and I'm ... years old. There are ... people in my family. My mum's name is ...*



PART 6 Speaking

Who am I? Interview, presentation

Exercise 17 – Interview: Tell me about your family

Ask your partner. Write short notes. Your partner can talk about a real or an imaginary family.

Questions	My partner's answers
1. How many people are there in your family?	
2. Have you got any brothers or sisters? How old are they?	
3. What's your mum's / dad's name?	
4. Have you got any cousins? Where do they live?	
5. Who is the oldest person in your family?	
6. Who is the funniest person in your family?	
7. Have you got a pet? What's its name?	
8. What do you do with your family at the weekend?	

Exercise 18 – Present your partner's family (1 minute)

Use the possessive case and *his / her / their*!

This is There are ... people in his/her family. His/Her mum's name is He/She has got ... brother(s). His/Her brother's name is Their dog is called ...