

Grammar Mini - Showing Whose it is



No apostrophe "s":

In Spanish, "s" does not exist. Instead they use the word "de" + person's name.

Examples: la casa de José = Joe's house el perro de María = Maria's dog

Try these:

el gato = the cat, el libro = the book, la foto = the photo, la camisa = the shirt

1. Joe's book = _____
2. Joe's photo = _____
3. Maria's shirt = _____
4. Maria's cat = _____
5. Joe's dog = _____



Talking About My, Your, His or Her: Take a look:

mi libro = my book

mi foto = my photo

tu gato = your cat

tu perro = your dog

*su camisa = his or her shirt

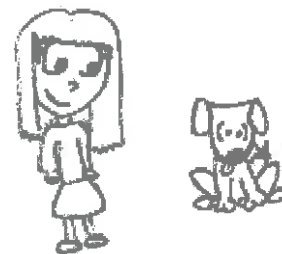
mis libros = my books

mis fotos = my photos

tus gatos = your cats

tus perros = your dogs

*sus camisas = his or her shirts



*su(s) can also mean "your" when being formal. This does not exist in English, but in Spanish there are more formal ways of communicating with people you do not speak to on a first name basis.

Try these:

1. my cat = _____ my cats = _____
2. your photo = _____ your photos = _____
3. his book = _____ his books = _____
4. her cat = _____ her cats = _____
5. *your shirt = _____ your shirts = _____
6. my house = _____ my houses = _____
7. your dog = _____ your dogs = _____