Unit 2 · Possession

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 27

Give the marks for the points in the marking scheme; an answer in other words that says the same is right.

1 One owner or more?

ANSWER A · 5

Tests: the place of the apostrophe shows how many owners there are; *'s* for one owner, only *'* after a plural that ends in -s.

a. i. **one** sister. ii. **more than one** sister (*sisters* + **'**). iii. **more than one** boy. iv. **one** boy, who has more than one bicycle. (The *-s* of *bicycles* counts the bicycles, not the owners.)

b. *I use my* ***brothers'*** *computer.* (*brothers* is more than one, so only *'* is added.)

c. i. **my cousins' shoes** ii. **the cat's tail** iii. **my parents' room**

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. i one, ii more than one (half a mark each).

✓ a. iii more than one, iv one (half a mark each).

✓ b. *my brothers' computer* (in any sentence: *I use my two brothers' computer* is right too).

✓ c. *my cousins' shoes*.

✓ c. *the cat's tail* and *my parents' room* (half a mark each).

2 Whose is it now?

ANSWER A · 5

Tests: two choices for every gap: which owner the sentence means (two people with *I*, two people without *I*, *you* for two people), and whether the word stands alone or has a noun after it; *its* has no stand-alone form.

a. **ours** (Tenzing and I: we; nothing comes after it)

b. **their** (my parents: they; *car* comes after it, so not *theirs*)

c. **hers** (Aisha is a girl; nothing comes after it)

d. **your** (*you* can mean two people; *ball* comes after it, so not *yours*)

e. *Its* always needs a noun after it (*its basket*). There is no word for *it* that stands alone. So write: ***It is its basket.*** or ***The basket is the cat's.***

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. *ours*.

✓ b. *their*.

✓ c. *hers*.

✓ d. *your*.

✓ e. *Its* needs a noun after it; a correct sentence (*It is its basket* or *The basket is the cat's*).

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3 I or me? She or her?

ANSWER HA · 5

Tests: the doer word (*I, he, she*) before the verb and the other word (*me, him, her*) after the verb or *to, with, for*, when the pronoun is joined to another person by *and*.

a. **Sentence 3** is right.

b. Sentence 1: **Pasang and I** went to the river (the doers, before *went*). Sentence 2: Grandma made momos for **my sister and me** (after *for*). Sentence 4: **She and her brother** walk to school (the doers, before *walk*). Sentence 5: Our neighbor gave a kitten to **Anjila and him** (after *to*).

c. **Leave out the other person**, and read the sentence again. *Me went to the river* sounds wrong; *I went to the river* is right. So: *Pasang and I went to the river.*

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. Sentence 3.
- ✓ b. 1 *Pasang and I*; 2 *my sister and me* (half a mark each).
- ✓ b. 4 *She and her brother*; 5 *Anjila and him* (half a mark each).
- ✓ c. The test: leave out the other person (or say where the word stands, before the verb or after it).
- ✓ c. The test shown on sentence 1: *me went* is wrong, so *I*.

4 Who is "she"?

ANSWER HA · 4

Tests: a pronoun must point to one noun; with two girls, *she* and *her* can point to either, and *it* to either thing.

a. **She, she** and **her**. We can't tell who carried the box, who asked, and who opened the gate.

b. **The box** fell into the mud, or **the gate** fell into the mud.

c. *Sneha was carrying a big box, so she asked Prapti to open the gate. Then the box fell into the mud.* (Other clear answers are right: *Sneha … so Sneha asked Prapti ….* Once *Sneha* is named, *she* in the same sentence can only mean her.)

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. *She*, *she* and *her* (all three).
- ✓ b. The box or the gate.
- ✓ c. Sneha named as the one carrying the box, Prapti as the one asked.
- ✓ c. *The box* (or *the gate*, if the student means it) named in the last sentence.

5 A note that leaves things out

ANSWER A · 4

Tests: what an invitation must say (what, when, where); a reply answers the note it got.

a. **Inviting.**

b. **When** the party is (the day and time) and **where** it is.

c. *Dear Kritika,*

Thank you for inviting me. Yes, I'd love to come to your sister's party! But you forgot to tell me the day and the time. Where is it, at your house?

Aman

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. Inviting.
- ✓ b. When it is and where it is (both).
- ✓ c. A note with a greeting and his name that says yes (accepts).
- ✓ c. It asks when and where the party is.

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6 Your own family's things

ANSWER HA · 4

Tests: all the ways of showing an owner, chosen and placed correctly in the student's own sentences.

A model:

*My **grandmother's** shawl is red and soft.*
*My **parents'** room has a big window.*
*The small table by the door is **mine**.*
*Our goat eats from **its** own bowl.*

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ An *'s* with one owner, correct.
- ✓ An *-s'* with more than one owner, correct.
- ✓ A word that stands alone, with no noun after it.
- ✓ *its* (no apostrophe) with a noun after it.

Marks by level	Knowledge	Understanding	Application	Higher ability	Total
Marks	0	0	14	13	**27**

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