

Uses of de

In English An **'s (apostrophe s)** is added to a singular noun to show possession or relationship to one person. In the plural, an apostrophe alone (') is added after the **-s** ending of most plural nouns.

Timmy's books are in his backpack.
My friend's classes are wonderful.
The teachers' lounge is empty.
The girls' basketball team won the championship.

A Complete the following sentences with the possessive forms of the nouns in parentheses.

1. Our teacher's office is full of books. (teacher)
2. My _____ anniversary is tomorrow. (parents)
3. The _____ claws are very sharp! (cat)
4. _____ violin lesson ends at seven. (Kathleen)
5. Your _____ party was so much fun! (friends)
6. That man over there is _____ uncle. (James)
7. Dora saw all the _____ basketball games. (women)
8. My _____ room is very messy. (sister)

In Spanish The word **de** is used to show possession or relationship. Use **de** with singular and plural nouns.

Es la casa **de** mis amigos.

It's my friends' house.

Es el profesor **de** mi mejor amiga.

He is my best friend's teacher.

You can also use **de** to indicate the kind of thing you're describing.

los libros **de** amor

romance books

las películas **de** ciencia ficción

science fiction movies

You use **de** to say where someone is from.

Viviana es **de** Colombia.

Viviana is from Colombia.

When **de** is followed by the article **el**, both words combine to form the contraction **del**.

Hoy es el cumpleaños **del** profesor.

(de + el profesor)

B Complete the following sentences with the possessive forms of the nouns in parentheses.

1. Los libros son de Marina. (Marina)