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Explanations

Possession means having or owning things.

Possessive adjectives

my your his her its our their

This is my bike. Those are our books.

Possessive pronouns

mine yours his hers its ours theirs

This bike is mine. Those books are ours.

We cannot say:

This is mine bike. X

This bike is the mine. X

Whose?

Whose bike is this? It's mine.

Whose books are these? They're ours.

Whose is this bike?

Whose are these books?

- *Who's (who is)* does not have the same meaning as *whose (of who)*, but it has the same pronunciation.

have got

Jane has got a sports car.

Have you got a computer?

The meaning of *have got* (or *have*) depends on the context.

Have you got a minute? (I want to talk to you.)

Have you got a pen? (I want to borrow it.)

- US and some GB speakers prefer *have*.

Jane has a sports car.

Do you have a computer?