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Possessive Adjectives (my, your, his, her, its, our, their) and Demonstrative Words (this, that, these, those)



Discover the Grammar

Read the information about Tim Wilson's family, and then answer the eight questions.

Line

1	I'm Tom. My name is	Thomas, but everyone	calls me Tom.
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- 2 I'd like to introduce you to my family.
- 3 This my wife. Her name is Karen.
- 4 This is our daughter. Her name is Anna.
- 5 This is our son. His name is Zachary, but his nickname is Zack.
- 6 These are our cats. Their names are Smokey and Ebony.

2: Possessive Adjectives and Demonstratives

1.	Underline three	e examples of <i>m</i>	y. What do yo	ou think <i>m</i>	y means?

- 2. When do you use *my* and when do you use *I*?
- 3. Circle the three examples of *our*. What do you think the difference between *my* and *our* is?
- 4. Now underline *his* and *her*. When do you think we use *his* and *her*?
- 5. Put a box around *their*. When do you think we use *their*? Can we use *their* for only animals? What about for people? ______
- 6. Write M, W, or B to tell if the word is used for men, women, or both men and women.

a. my	c. his	e. her
b. your	d. our	f. their

7. Now look at all of the words you marked. These words are called **possessive adjectives**. Put a wavy line under the word that comes after the possessive adjectives. (*Hint:* You should have nine.) What kind of word comes after possessive adjectives?

possessive adjectives + _____

8. What questions do you have about this grammar?_____

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Grammar Lesson



Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns or pronouns. Adjectives tell which (*this book*, *my book*), how many (*six books*), or what kind (*red roses*). Adjectives come in front of nouns (*a white ball*) or after be (*the room is white*).

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. (*Teresa is here*. \rightarrow *She is here*.)





Possessive Adjectives

Subject Pronouns		ossessive djectives		Ex	amples	
Ι	>	my	Ι	like	my	sandwich.
you	>	your	You	like	your	salad.
he	>	his	He	likes	his	soup.
she	\longrightarrow	her	She	likes	her	fries.
it	\longrightarrow	its	The cat	likes	its	food.
we	>	our	We	like	our	desserts.
they	>	their	They	like	their	food.



ONE-MINUTE LESSON

For an animal or a thing, we use the possessive adjective **its**. A giraffe gets its name from an Arabic word. For a pet, people usually use **his** or **her**, not its. My dog's name is Brownie. His name comes from his color. Pet owners do not use **its** to refer to their own animals.

Comparing Subject Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives

Subject Pronouns		Possessive Adjectives	
Ι	I play tennis.	my	This is my racket.
you	You are very good at singing.	your	What is your favorite song?
he	He is from Paris.	his	Marc is <mark>his</mark> name.
she	She drives her car to work.	her	Her car is dark gray.
it	It is a snake.	its	Its main color is brown.
we	We like our house a lot.	our	Our house is big and has a pool.
they	They run every morning.	their	Their day starts with a long run.

- <u>Rule 1</u>. Subject pronouns are I, you, he, she, it, we, they. Subject pronouns usually occur before a verb.
- <u>**Rule 2.</u>** Possessive adjectives are my, your, his, her, its, our, their. Possessive adjectives occur before a noun (*my car*) or an adjective + noun (*my new car*).</u>
- **<u>Rule 3</u>**. Possessive adjectives have no singular or plural. They are used with both singular and plural nouns (*my book, my books*).



BE CAREFUL!

Common Learner Errors	Explanation
1. Linda has a new car. His Her car has two doors.	His is for males; her is for females.
2. Do you know where me my book is?	Use a possessive adjective in front of a noun.
3. This is my book, and that is your your book.	A possessive adjective cannot work alone.

EXERCISE 1. Completing Phrases with Possessive Adjectives

Write the correct possessive adjectives on the lines.

1. you	your	_ book	11. we	 team
2. Mary	her	_ book	12. the boy	 test
3. you and Mary		_ books	13. the boy	 tests
4. your wife		_ car	14. my daughter	 shoes
5. the man and I		_ books	15. she	 test
6. the machine		_ cord	16. Alan and Tom	 tests
7. Bob, Jo, and Sue		_ father	17. Ann and Mary	 tests
8. my watch		_ battery	18. Ted, Bob, and I	 tests
9. they		_ mother	19. Ted and Bob	 answers
10. it		_ tail	20. Bob and I	 answers

Do Online Exercise 2.1. My score: ____ /10. ____ % correct.

EXERCISE 2. Mini-Conversations

Circle the correct words in these eight mini-conversations.

- 1. A: Where is (you, your) car?
 - B: I sold it, so this is (I, my) new car. Do you like it?
- 2. A: Is this John's watch?
 - B: No, that isn't John's watch. (His, Her, Your, Their) watch is much bigger.
- 3. A: What is Mike's family's last name? Is (it, its, their, they) Brown or Bell?
 - B: No, but you're right that (it, its) starts with B. (Its, His, Her, My) last name is Benson.
- 4. A: Can (you, your) tell me (you, your) phone number?
 - B: Sure. (It's, Its) 555-9122. Call me later if you want.
- 5. A: Do (you, your) know Martha's brother?
 - B: No, I don't know (her, his, their, your) brother, but I know (her, his, their, your) sister.
- 6. A: Amanda and Ashley, you have class now, right?
 - B: No, it's only 9:20. (Our, We) class starts at 10. (Our, We) have forty more minutes.
- 7. A: Bob has a pet iguana.
 - B: Are you kidding?
 - A: No, (he, his, she, her) really has a pet iguana. (Its, It, Their) name is Red.
- 8. A: (You, Your) are such a good student. What did you get on yesterday's test?
 - B: (You, Your, My, I) test score was 95.



ONE-MINUTE LESSON

What did you get on the test? means "What was your grade on the test?" When native speakers want to know about a grade on a test, they usually use the first question with the word get. Another possible question is What did you make on the test? You can answer with I got 95 on the test or I made 95 on the test. Don't use the word score. It sounds too formal.

EXERCISE 3. Possessive Adjectives in a Dialogue

Write the correct possessive adjective on the lines. Use capital letters when needed.

Planning Food for a Party

- We need a great idea for the food for the party. Who has a suggestion? Rick, *Iose:* what about you?
- Sure, I have an idea. **1** My idea is to serve egg sandwiches. Rick:
- *Iose:* I like 🛛 idea because eggs are pretty easy to cook. Does anyone else have a different idea?
- Well, Susan has an interesting idea. Rick:
- Jose: Really? Susan, what's **3**_____ idea?
- *Susan:* **(4)** idea is to serve cheeseburgers.
- Iose: I love cheeseburgers, but that sounds like a lot of work. Someone has to cook the meat and then make the sandwiches. Does anyone else have an idea?
- Susan: Yes, Ben told me about a great idea that he has.
- Great, let's hear it. Hey, where is Ben? Jose:
- Susan: I don't know. I'm surprised he isn't here.
- Susan, since Ben isn't here, can you tell us **5** _____ idea for the party food? Jose:
- Susan: He wants all the guests to cook 6 favorite food and bring it to the party.
- Jose: Oh, right. In the U.S., that's called a potluck dinner.
- *Rick:* Hey, don't forget Martha and Lim. They have an idea for the party, too. idea is to serve pizza.
- I really like pizza. In fact, it's **8** favorite food. I like **9** Jose: idea, but we can't cook the pizzas here. We have to buy them from a restaurant.
- Susan: I think I like Ben's idea the best. @_____ suggestion of a potluck party is the best.

EXERCISE 4. Possessive Adjectives in Context

Underline the correct word in these sentences about zodiac signs.

Discussing Birthdays and Zodiac Signs

- 1. There are five people in (I, my) family.
- 2. (My, I) birthday is in September. I am a Virgo.
- 3. My mom's name is Janet. (She, Her) birthday is in July. She is a Cancer.
- 4. My dad is a Scorpio. (His, He) birthday is in October.
- 5. I have two brothers. They are twins. (Their, They) birthday is January 15th.
- 6. (They, Their) zodiac sign is Capricorn.
- (I, My) family also has a dog. (We, Our) dog is just over two years old, but we don't know when (his, he) birthday is.
- 8. How about you? When is (your, you) birthday?



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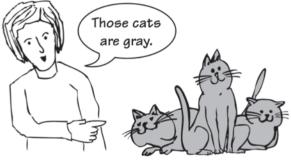


This, That, These, Those









	singular	plural
near the speaker	this	these
not near the speaker	that	those

Adjectives

This book is green.	That apple is fresh.
I don't know this word.	He watched that movie.
These books are green.	Those apples are fresh.
I don't know these words.	He watched those movies.

In these examples, this, that, these, and those are adjectives. They are in front of a noun.

Pronouns

This is a difficult book.	That looks delicious.
I can't read this.	Let's eat that.
These are difficult books.	Those look fresh.
I can't read these.	Let's eat those.

In these examples, **this**, **that**, **these**, and **those** are pronouns. They take the place of a noun.



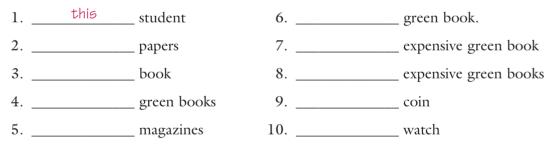
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Common Learner Errors	Explanation
1. This These books are excellent.	Do not use this or that with plural examples.
2. Those That is my new car.	Do not use these or those with singular examples.

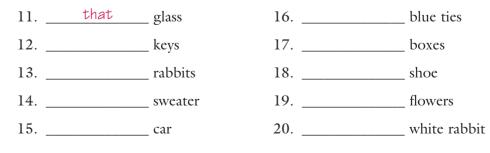
EXERCISE 5. Completing Phrases with Demonstrative Adjectives

Write *this, that, these,* or *those* on the lines.

Near the Speaker (=here): this or these



Not near the Speaker (=there): that or those



EXERCISE 6. Demonstrative Adjectives in Context

Write *this, that, these,* or *those* on the lines. Pay attention to capital letters.

- 1. (here) These books are easy to read, and they have good vocabulary.
- 2. (here) Is _____ paper the best? I want to buy the best kind of paper.
- 3. (there) _____ postcards are very beautiful.
- 4. (here) In _____ class, we have two tests every week. They're never hard.
- 5. (there) ______ sweater is perfect for you. I think you should buy it.
- 6. (here) Peter likes car the best. It's really nice.
- 7. (there) Are ______ stamps rare? They're really expensive.
- 8. (here) We have _____ kind of fruit in my country, too.
- 9. (there) ______ people are from Paris. They speak French.
- 10. (there) I think _____ questions are really difficult.
- 11. (here) _____ computer is easy to use.
- 12. (there) ______ nine books are not for you and me. They're for Jose.

EXERCISE 7. Demonstrative Words in Context

Write this, that, these, or those on the lines.

The Contents of the Box on Joe's Desk

- Joe, what is that on your desk? Ann:
- Joe: What do you mean?

_____ box! What is in _____ box? Ann:

I brought _____ box from home. Joe:

Ann: Yes, but what is in box?

(Joe puts his hand in the box. He takes out some coins and holds them up for Ann to see.)

What are _____ ? Ann:

_____ are coins. _____ coins are Joe: special. They are very old.



EXERCISE 8. Editing. Is it Correct?

If the sentence is correct, write a check mark (\checkmark) on the line. If it is not correct, Write X on the line and circle the mistake. Then change the sentence to make it correct. Write the change above the sentence. (*Hint:* There are eight sentences. Two are correct, but six have mistakes.)

Kathy's Family

- _____1. Kathy's family now lives in a new house. Its a large two-story building with a pool, a big back porch, and a garden.
- 2. The new house is much bigger than they're old house.
- _____ 3. She loves being outdoors, and she enjoys taking care of the roses in his garden.
- 4. Her husband Leon does not like to work in the garden.
- 5. Leon likes to take care of the pool, and she cleans it once a week.
- _____ 6. Kathy and his husband have two children.
- _____7. The two boys spend most of their free time in their rooms playing video games.
- 8. Eric and her brother also enjoy swimming in the pool.



ONE-MINUTE LESSON

After the word **enjoy**, you have to use a noun: *I enjoy sports*. If you want to use an action word, you must add –**ing** to the verb: *Eric and his brother enjoy* **swimming** *in the pool*. Remember to use **VERB** + -**ing** after the word **enjoy**.



Do Online Exercise 2.3. My score: ____ /10. ____ % correct.

EXERCISE 9. Sentence Study for Critical Reading

Read the numbered sentences. Then read the three answer choices, and place a check mark in the ves or no boxes in front of each sentence to show if that answer is true based on the information in the original sentence. If there is not enough information to mark something as yes, then mark it as no. Remember that more than one true answer is possible.

- 1. This key is to my house, and those keys belong to Joshua.
 - **no** a. Joshua has more than one key.
 - b. My key is in my office. no
 - no c. Joshua has my key.
- 2. Karina is a doctor. Her sisters are teachers. All three live in this neighborhood.

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

yes

ves ves

- a. They live in the same house. b. They live in the same town.
- c. They live in the same state.
- 3. Laura and Amanda went to the mall vesterday, and Laura bought a blue dress. Amanda liked that dress, too. Both of the girls are glad that Laura bought it.
 - yes no ves no ves
- a. Both girls bought a new dress at the mall.
- b. Laura bought something for Amanda.
- no c. Laura's new dress is blue.
- 4. Kyle said, "This is an interesting book."

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

- a. The book is far from Kyle.
- b. Kyle is reading more than one book now.
- c. Kyle is talking about one book.

a. There is only one sweater.

5. Wow, these are really colorful sweaters.

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

yes

ves

- b. The sweaters have one main color.
- c. The sweaters are very comfortable.
- 6. Those are beautiful fish in Sani's aquarium.

no no

- no a. There isn't just one fish.
 - b. Sani has some goldfish.
 - c. The aquarium is in the living room.

7. Linda: "My three brothers go to the university. My sister works at the bank."

Mark: "Wow! And you have a great job as manager of this store."

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

yes

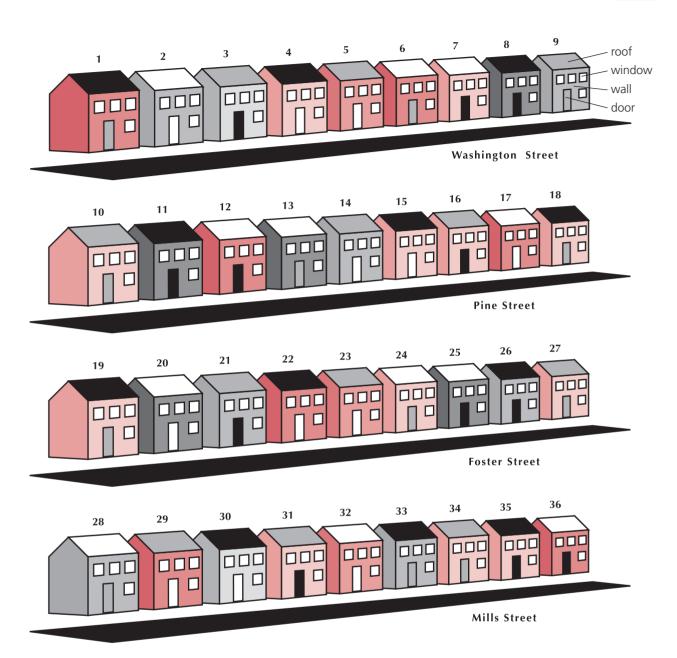
- a. His brothers are students.
- b. Her sister does not work at the university.
- c. Her brothers work at the university.
- 8. Sarah is a student at Miami Dade College. She attends school only in the morning. She has a grammar class at 8 AM, history class at 9 AM, and literature class at 10 AM. On Thursday, she works at the Grand Hotel from noon to 5 PM.
 - yes no a. Her classes are in the morning.
 - yes no b. She works every day.
 - no c. Her history class is before her literature class.

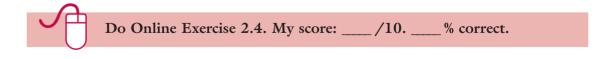
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EXERCISE 10. Speaking Practice: Which House Is Mine?

- Step 1. Work with a partner. There are four streets with nine houses on each street, so there are 36 houses. Choose one house to be your house. Circle that house. Do NOT let your partner know which house is your house.
- *Step 2.* Take turns asking yes-no questions to try to guess your partner's house. If the answer to a question is yes, then the questioner can continue asking. If the answer is no, the turn passes to the other student.
- *Step 3.* The first partner to guess the right house is the winner. (You can't use the house numbers until the end!).
 - Example: A: Is your house on Mills Street?
 - B: No, my house isn't on Mills Street. (So it's Student B's turn to ask a question.)
 - B: Is your house on Pine Street?
 - A: Yes, my house is on Pine Street. (So B continues asking.)

2: Possessive Adjectives and Demonstratives





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REVIEW	EXERCISE 11. Revie	w Test 1: Mult	iple Choice	
	Circle the letter of the correct a	answer. Some are c	onversations.	
	1. I have a new job	office is loc	ated on the third floo	or of a large building.
	a. His	b. My	c. Your	d. Her
	2. Fabio Rodriguez is m does a lot of work an	•	job is to ma	ke sure that everyone
	a. his	b. my	c. your	d. her
	3. I share an office with and I am impressed v	0		
	a. his	b. my	c. your	d. her
	4. I now have many cov different, but we try			schedules are
	a. Your	b. Their	c. Our	d. Its
	5. "Do you like the Bea	tles' music?"		
	"No, I don't like	music. I	Do you?"	
	a. their	B. they	C. its	D. it's
	6. "Do you and your hu		•	
	"Well, yes, we do	da	ughter lives in Hous	ton now."
	a. Her	b. Our	c. She	d. We
	7. "Do you need a pass			
	"Yes, we do. I have n	ny passport right [ports, too."	here, and Paul and B	ob have
		b. your	c. our	d. their
	8. "I'd like to cash this		c. our	d. then
	"OK, but I need to s		river's license or som	e kind of ID."
	a. his	b. my	c. your	d. their
	w. 110	y	2. jour	



ONE-MINUTE LESSON

ID is a common way to say *identification*. Other short forms are UFO (unidentified flying objects), ASAP (as soon as possible), and ER (emergency room). In English, we usually read the letters (e.g., I-D or E-R) for these short forms. We don't pronounce them as words.

REVIEW EXERCISE 12. Review Test 2: Production and Evaluation

Part 1.

Circle the correct words.

- 1. Melinda and Rick have a new car. What's your opinion of it? Do (you, your) like (her, his, its, their) car?
- 2. It is important for all of the passengers to have (his, her, their, your) passports now.
- 3. Do you know Mr. Piper's house? (Its, His, Her, Your, Their) house is gray and white.
- 4. Congratulations on your wonderful news! Show me (your, you) engagement ring.
- 5. I want to send this gift to (my, I) aunt, but (my, I) don't know (his, her, your) address.
- 6. (Our, We) class finishes at 9, so (our, we) can meet you around 9:30.
- 7. When do (we, our) have (we, our) next meeting?
- 8. Richard likes to listen to music. (He, His) favorite songs are from the 1980s.
- 9. Mrs. Gonzalez has a beautiful rose garden. (He, She) works in it every day, and that's why (he, she, his, her) roses are so beautiful.
- 10. Victor never makes good grades. (He, She, His, Her) grade so far is only a C or a D.

Part 2.

Read this short passage. Write the correct possessive adjective.

I am Rachel Hanks. This is a picture of **1** _____ family. The woman on

the left is **2** _____ grandmother. **3** _____ name is Rosa Hanks.

The man on the right is **4** _____ uncle. **5** _____ name is Ken.

The woman near him is **6** ______ wife. **7** _____ name is Sarah.

Do you see the two kids in the lower right-hand corner of the photo? Those

- are my cousins. 8 _____ names are Zane and Vicky. Can you see
- **9** _____ cat? It's sitting on the floor. **10** _____ name is Boots.

Of course there are many more people in my family, but they're camera shy!

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EXERCISE 13. Reading Practice: A Conversation about Your Family

Read this short conversation between two friends. Then answer the six comprehension questions. The grammar from this unit is underlined for you.

- *Mrs. Perry:* And here's a photo of <u>my</u> son Matt. Isn't he handsome? He has <u>my</u> hair, but <u>his</u> father's eyes.
- Ms. Stone: He looks very nice. Is he your only child?
- Mrs. Perry: Yes, he is. Matt has a lot of friends. They come to <u>our</u> house, or he visits <u>their</u> houses. He's a pretty popular guy.
- Ms. Stone: I see. I guess he's very busy.
- *Mrs. Perry:* Oh, yes. And he's also busy with <u>his</u> schoolwork. But he doesn't have to study all the time because he is so smart. He's especially good at math. I'm sure <u>his</u> math teacher is happy that he's in <u>her</u> class.
- Ms. Stone: Uh, yes, I'm sure.
- *Mrs. Perry:* And <u>his</u> coaches are happy, too! They say Matt's the best player on <u>their</u> teams. Did I tell you he plays both soccer and baseball?
- Ms. Stone: I'm not surprised.
- *Mrs. Perry:* Yes, <u>our</u> family is very proud of him. Say, I have a photo of Matt with <u>his</u> grandparents. Would you like to see it? <u>My</u> parents are wonderful people. They're really smart and talented. <u>My</u> father . . .
- *Ms. Stone:* Oh, dear, look at the time! I have an appointment now, at . . . at the dentist's, so I really have to go. Bye!
 - 1. How many sports does Matt play?
 - 2. Does Matt study all the time? Explain your answer.
 - 3. Is Matt popular? Can you give two reasons for your answer?
 - 4. How many photos are in this conversation? How many photos does Ms. Stone see?
 - 5. Can you describe Mrs. Perry?
 - 6. Do you think Ms. Stone is really going to the dentist's office now? Explain your answer.



EXERCISE 14. Vocabulary Practice: Word Knowledge

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. Use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

Vocabulary	Answer Choices	
1. a nickname	Tommy for Thomas	Tommy for Tommy Smith
2. a dessert	a cake	a salad
3. a cover	the inside part of a book	the outside part of a book
4. to kid	to joke	to reply
5. in fact	a lie	the truth
6. twins	two babies	two meals
7. just over 25	26	52
8. male	boy or man	girl or woman
9. agree with	think differently	think the same
10. a mess	a customer	a problem
11. match	A + a	A + e
12. a scarf	for a baby	for a woman
13. clothes	photos, pictures	pants, shirts
14. every other	1A2B3C4D5E	12345ABCDE
15. a turtle	an animal	a vegetable
16. glad	happy	rich
17. a skirt	for a female	for a male
18. a couple	two people	thirteen people
19. a note	a short letter	a long letter
20. literature	for listening	for reading
21. a location	a place	a time
22. smart	daughter	intelligent
23. too	also	perhaps
24. ID	for a person	for a place
25. a passenger	a person	a place
26. congratulations	bad news	good news
27. an address	a person	a place
28. so far	around there	until now
29. handsome	smells good	looks good
30. popular	people don't like it	people like it
31. a coach	a person's parent	a team's leader
32. a porch	a part of a business	

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EXERCISE 15. Vocabulary Practice: Collocations

Fill in each blank with the answer on the right that most naturally completes the phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

Phrase	Answer Cl	Answer Choices	
1 you to my family	introduce	meet	
2. my favorite	sing	song	
3. a engine	bike	car	
4. my name	after	last	
5. a score	question	test	
6. a great	idea	several	
7. be good math	at	by	
8 a suggestion	care	have	
9. a sweater	dark gray	gray dark	
0 about you?	What	Which	
1 minutes	more ten	ten more	
2. serve	reasons	sandwiches	
3. call me	late	later	
4. a lot	of work	work	
5. a potluck	dinner	restaurant	
6. agree someone	for	with	
7. a mess	big	large	
8. a three-story	book	building	
9 care of	make	take	
20. once week	a	the	
21. my free	place	time	
22 class	assist	attend	
23. read a	college	note	
24. a of paper	glass	piece	
25 sure	get	make	
26 the garden	in	on	
27. solve a	problem	schedule	
28 here	left	right	
29 a check	cash	change	
30 a meeting	have	put	
51. a license	congratulations	driver's	
32 popular	beautiful	pretty	
33. lower right-hand	corner	floor	
34. camera	coach	shy	
35. proud you	from	of	

EXERCISE 16. Writing Practice: Introducing Your Family

Part 1. Editing Student Writing

Read this short paragraph about one student's family. Circle the 14 errors. Then write the line number where the error is located next to the type of error. (Some sentences may have more than one error.)

a. no subject	e. have/be
b. this, that, these, those	f. possessive adjective
c. no verb	g. no <i>a</i>
d. singular-plural	h. capital letter

	My Family
1	this short paragraph is about my family. My family has four peoples. In
2	addition to me, they are my mother, my father, my sister, and my brother.
3	My sister has 19 years old. She's hobby is basketball. Is really crazy about
4	basketball. my brother has 16 year old. He's hobby music. He's a very good
5	singer. We live in small house. Our house in Dallas, Texas. I think these city
6	is a great place to live. I love my family very much, and they love me.
7	We are very good family. Are very happy together.

Part 2. Original Student Writing

Now write a short paragraph (or some sentences) about your family. Use five words from the vocabulary on pages 55–56. Underline the five words. Use two new words from your dictionary. Circle the two dictionary words.