

## Grammar reference

### A Definite and indefinite articles

- A** e **an** corrispondono in italiano agli articoli indeterminativi 'un', 'uno' e 'una'.
- Sono invariabili e si riferiscono sia al maschile che al femminile.
  - > a boy and a girl un ragazzo e una ragazza
- A** si usa davanti a sostantivi singolari numerabili che iniziano con consonante o con la vocale **u** quando quest'ultima ha il suono /j/ (come nel pronome **you**).
  - > a lamp una lampada
  - > a university un'università
- An** si usa davanti a sostantivi singolari numerabili che iniziano con vocale o con **h** muta.
  - > an identity card una carta d'identità
  - > an hour un'ora
- The** corrisponde in italiano agli articoli determinativi 'il', 'lo', 'la', 'i', 'gli', e 'le'.
- È invariabile in genere e numero.
  - > the man and the women l'uomo e le donne
- Si usa **the** per parlare di qualcosa che si conosce già, o perché è familiare a tutti (forse perché ce n'è uno solo) o perché è già stato menzionato nella conversazione.
  - > She's in the kitchen. Lei è in cucina.

⚠ Non si usa mai l'articolo prima di un aggettivo possessivo:

> Where's my pen? Dov'è la mia penna?  
(NON Where's the my pen?)

### B Plural nouns

- Il plurale dei sostantivi si forma normalmente aggiungendo **-s**.
  - chair → chairs key → keys
- Il plurale dei sostantivi singolari che finiscono in **-s**, **-x**, **-(t)ch**, **-ss**, **-sh** si forma aggiungendo **-es**.
  - bus → buses box → boxes
  - match → matches boss → bosses
  - wish → wishes

- Ai sostantivi singolari che finiscono in consonante + **-y** si cambia la **y** in **i** e si aggiunge **-es**.
  - family → families dictionary → dictionaries

- Ai sostantivi singolari che finiscono in **-f** o **-fe** si cambia spesso **-f/-fe** in **-ves** al plurale.

life → lives half → halves

- Alcuni sostantivi hanno plurali irregolari.

man → men woman → women  
child → children person → people

### C this/that/these/those

> this	questo/a	> these	questi/e
> that	quello/a	> those	quelli/e

**This, that, these e those** sono aggettivi e pronomi dimostrativi.

- > This phone is his phone.  
Questo cellulare è il suo (di lui) cellulare.
- > This is his phone.  
Questo è il suo (di lui) cellulare.

⚠ In inglese esiste un'unica forma per il maschile e il femminile.

- > This is my mother. Questa è mia madre.
- > This is my father. Questo è mio padre.

### D Possessive pronouns

> mine	il mio	> ours	il nostro
> yours	il tuo	> yours	il vostro
> his	il suo (di lui)	> theirs	il loro
> hers	il suo (di lei)		

- I pronomi possessivi inglesi hanno forme diverse dagli aggettivi possessivi, eccetto **his**. Non esiste il pronome corrispondente all'aggettivo possessivo **its**.

- > That rubber is mine. Quella gomma è mia.
- > Those glasses are hers.  
Quegli occhiali sono suoi (di lei).

⚠ In inglese i pronomi possessivi non prendono mai l'articolo.

- > Mine is old but yours is new.  
Il mio è vecchio ma il tuo è nuovo.  
(NON The mine is old but the yours is new.)

- Si usano i pronomi possessivi per evitare di ripetere un sostantivo già nominato in precedenza.

- > This desk is my desk./This desk is mine.  
Questa scrivania è la mia (scrivania).

# Word list

## Possessions

bag .....  
 basketball .....  
 comic .....  
 diary .....  
 e-reader .....  
 glasses .....  
 hairbrush .....  
 headphones .....  
 jacket .....  
 pencil case .....  
 phone .....  
 T-shirt .....

## Practice exercises

### Possessions

1 ★★ Osserva le immagini e completa le parole.

0 p e n c i l c a s e  
 1 j .....  
 2 h .....  
 3 b .....  
 4 g .....  
 5 d .....  
 6 e- .....  
 7 b .....

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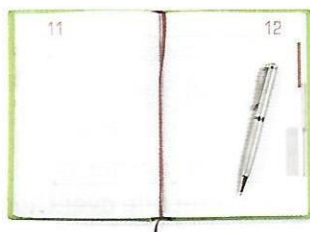
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2 ★★ Scegli la risposta corretta per le parole in grassetto.

0 I read my books on it.

- a comic
- b e-reader**

1 **They** help me see.

- a glasses
- b headphones**

2 **It's** a book with a calendar.

- a e-reader
- b diary**

3 **They** are clothes.

- a headphones
- b T-shirt and jacket**

4 **It's** got pictures that tell a story.

- a glasses
- b comic**

5 Your new phone is in it.

- a box
- b hairbrush**

6 **It's** got my stuff in it.

- a bag
- b basketball**

7 He hasn't got **it** because he hasn't got hair.

- a phone
- b hairbrush**

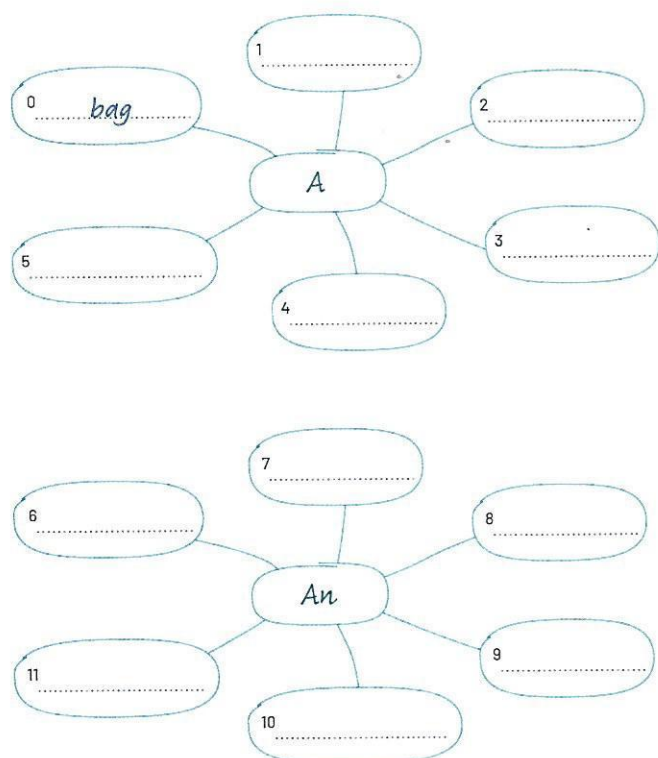
8 You play with **it**.

- a basketball
- b t-shirt**

## Definite and indefinite articles

### 3 ★ Completa le mappe con le parole.

address aunt bag cousin diary  
e-reader hairbrush hour Italian man  
jacket pencil case uncle



### 4 ★★ Completa il dialogo con *a*, *an* or *the*.

**Alba** Have you got <sup>0</sup> *a* pen?  
**Marco** Yes, I have. <sup>1</sup> pens are in the red box.  
**Alba** Thanks. Have you got <sup>2</sup> English homework?  
**Marco** Yes. We've got <sup>3</sup> exercise from page 4 and <sup>4</sup> words for <sup>5</sup> family.  
**Alba** Thanks! You're <sup>6</sup> good friend!

## Plural nouns

### 5 ★ Scegli la forma corretta del plurale.

- 0 sister  
a sisterses    **b) sisters**
- 1 bus  
a buses    b buss
- 2 university  
a universitys    b universities
- 3 life  
a lives    b lifes
- 4 woman  
a womans    b women
- 5 person  
a persons    b people

### 6 ★★ Leggi il testo e correggi gli errori di formazione del plurale.

Hi Nigel! Have you and your family got things to donate to the public library?

Yes, I've got ~~boxes~~ of comic and novels about spys. My brother's got shelves full of dictionarys and book for childs.

- 0 *boxes*
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

## this/that/these/those

### 7 ★ Scegli la parola corretta per completare le frasi.

- 0 ... is Mum's hairbrush.  
**a) This**    b Those
- 1 ... are my diaries.  
a These    b This
- 2 ... isn't your bag.  
a That    b These
- 3 ... are your glasses.  
a That    b Those
- 4 Are ... Dad's headphones?  
a these    b this
- 5 What's in ... box?  
a those    b this
- 6 ... children are American.  
a That    b Those
- 7 Is ... Max's pen?  
a these    b that

### 8 ★ Completa le frasi con i dimostrativi.

this    that    these    those    that    these    those

- 0 I have *these* library books to return. Where do I put them?
- 1 Please pass me ..... bag with the T-shirt in it.
- 2 Excuse me, is ..... the bus for the station, or that one over there?
- 3 I like these metal glasses, but Dan likes ..... plastic ones in the window.
- 4 Is ..... my diary over there? Don't read it!
- 5 Are ..... my shoes near the door?
- 6 ..... children with me are my cousins.

## Possessive pronouns

### 9 ★★ Le frasi sono corrette (✓) o sbagliate (X)?

- |   |   |     |
|---|---|-----|
| 0 This is my pen and that's your.                     | ✓ | (X) |
| 1 Those boxes aren't our.                             | ✓ | X   |
| 2 These diaries are her.                              | ✓ | X   |
| 3 This dictionary is his.                             | ✓ | X   |
| 4 We've got our books, but they haven't got their.    | ✓ | X   |
| 5 It isn't your phone; it's mine.                     | ✓ | X   |
| 6 I've got my friends, and you and Mo have got yours. | ✓ | X   |

### 10 ★★ Completa le frasi con un pronome possessivo.

- 0 That's her e-reader.  
That e-reader is hers.
- 1 This isn't my phone.  
This phone isn't .....
- 2 Is this your basketball?  
Is this basketball .....
- 3 I think these are their jackets.  
I think these jackets are .....
- 4 Those are our comics.  
Those comics are .....
- 5 Are these his glasses?  
Are these glasses .....
- 6 Those are my sister's books.  
Those books are .....

## Describing objects

### 11 ★ Osserva le immagini e completa le frasi con le parole.

black paper plastic red round square



- 0 This notebook is made of paper.
- 1 My new, ..... T-shirt is really cool.
- 2 What is this small ..... glass jar for?
- 3 Is that water bottle made of metal or .....?
- 4 What colour are those plastic glasses, brown or .....?
- 5 This ..... shampoo bar is great for my hair.

## Cumulative revision

### 1 ★★ Scegli la risposta corretta per completare le frasi.

- 0 They ... Italian; they're Swiss.  
a isn't      b not be      (c) aren't
- 1 This is ... book. It's not mine.  
a the his      b his      c he's
- 2 'What's in your bag?' 'It's ... umbrella.'  
a a      b an      c ours
- 3 ... question is for Michael.  
a This      b Those      c These
- 4 That water bottle isn't Jim's. It's ...  
a me      b my      c mine
- 5 I've got two ...  
a hairbrushes      b hairbrush's      c hairbrushs

### 2 ★★ Scegli l'alternativa corretta per completare il testo.

#### How 'green' are these things?

It's important to think about the environment when we buy things. But do you know how 'green' your things really are?

4 Comments

This is <sup>0</sup>my | mine e-reader. My <sup>1</sup>parents | parentes say I read a lot, so it's a good idea. I don't know if it's very 'green' – <sup>2</sup>a | an e-reader isn't made of paper, but it's got a battery that uses electricity.

My friend Angelica has got a round metal water bottle. This one looks like <sup>3</sup>her | hers. It's the same yellow. She doesn't buy <sup>4</sup>paper | plastic bottles for her drinks now, so I think it's quite 'green'.

My cousin's got a collection of old T-shirts. He says <sup>5</sup>the | a T-shirts are 'green' because it's good to reuse things.

<sup>6</sup>This | These is my favourite hairbrush. It's made of wood, not plastic, so I think it's very 'green'. My <sup>7</sup>sister's | sisters hairbrushes are all made of metal and plastic.