# Nouns, possessives and pronouns

# Before you start

1 Review these intermediate grammar points and check you know them.

### Types of noun

- concrete e.g. artist, table, child, station, food, storm
- abstract e.g. art, responsibility, anger, efficiency, perception, photography
- proper (the names of people, places, events, etc.) e.g. Jane, London, August

COUNTABLE NOUNS a car, three cars UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS oil, beauty, fruit

We do not use a/an with uncountable nouns, and we do not usually make them plural.

#### Possessive forms

- 1 noun + 's or ' (usually with people and animals): One of **Sam's vehicles** has been damaged. noun + of + noun (usually with things): There's a scratch on **the paintwork of his car**.
- **2** If the meaning is clear from the context, we can omit the following noun: *That isn't my handwriting. It's Selina's.* (= Selina's handwriting)

#### Personal pronouns

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	OBJECT PRONOUNS	(POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES)	POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS	REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS
1 1800000	me	my	mine	myself
you	you	your	yours	yourself/yourselves
he	him	his	his	himself
she	her	her	hers	herself
it	it	its		itself
we	us	our	ours	ourselves
they	them	their	theirs	themselves

- subject pronoun: Hockney is Britain's most famous painter. He's from Yorkshire.
- object pronoun: *I met Julian yesterday. I like him, don't you?* (direct object) *Those books belong to Julian. Can you give them to him, please?* (indirect object)
- possessive adjective: Did Susie leave that here? It looks like her umbrella.
- possessive pronoun: No, it's not her umbrella. It's ours. Don't you recognise it?
- reflexive pronoun: Quick! The baby's burnt herself!

## Indefinite pronouns

someone/body <sup>1</sup>	something	somewhere	somehow
anyone/body	anything	anywhere	anyhow <sup>2</sup>
everyone/body	everything	everywhere	
no one/body³	nothing	nowhere	

- <sup>1</sup> We use -one and -body interchangeably.
- <sup>2</sup> anyhow is informal and is similar to anyway: Anyhow, as I was saying ...
- <sup>3</sup> We usually write *no one* as two words, and *nobody* as one word.