

Possession: Expressions with “Of”

FORM:

... a + singular noun + of + possessive pronoun

... plural noun + of + possessive pronoun

USE:

Phrases such as, “*She’s a friend of mine*”, are common in English. Use them to indicate that the person you are talking about is one member of a particular group, in this case one of your group of friends.

You do not say, “*She is my friend,*” unless you have only one friend. That’s why you might say things such as “*She is my girlfriend*”, or “*She is my best friend*”.

EXAMPLES:

*Elvis is an old favorite of mine.
They’re former neighbours of mine.*

*I am an old fan of his.
I’m a former neighbour of theirs.*

Write sentences using the structures above using the information in the original sentences.

E.g. *I have known Rick for years.*

Rick is an old friend of mine.

1. Debbie is a big Barbara Streisand fan. _____
2. Streisand is one of Debbie’s favourite singers. _____
3. Mary worked with Karen for a long time. _____
4. Dave lived next door to Pete until last year. _____
5. She was my boss when I worked in Baton Rouge. _____
6. The Rolling Stones are one of my favourite groups. _____
7. Swimming is one of my favourite forms of exercise. _____
8. Chicken is one of Sue’s favourite foods. _____
9. Lake Erie is one of their favourite places. _____
10. Steve knows them very well. _____
11. Camilla is your friend. _____
12. Evelyn and Ruth prefer dogs as pets. _____