

Possession: The Determiner “Own”

FORM:

possessive noun + own (Fay’s own ...)
possessive determiner + own (her own ...)
on + possessive determiner + own (on her own ...)

USE:

Following possessive nouns or possessive determiners, e.g. David’s, his, etc., “**own**” acts to intensify the idea that something belongs to someone. “**On + possessive determiner + own**” means that someone or some people are alone or are doing something alone.

EXAMPLES:

Susan will drive her own car to Richmond.
This is Steve’s own computer - it’s not the company’s.
Sally wrote this report on her own.

Fill in the blanks with either a POSSESSIVE NOUN + OWN, POSSESSIVE DETERMINER + OWN or ON + POSSESSIVE DETERMINER + OWN.

1. Emily won’t use her father’s car. She’ll drive _____.
2. Tim will use _____ computer. He prefers using the latest model.
3. Celia and John bought _____ house after years of living in an apartment.
4. I really would prefer to wear _____ clothes rather than a uniform.
5. If we can, we should cook _____ food while we’re on vacation in order to save money.
6. I think that Bruce and Tom will be bringing _____ canoe on the camping trip.
7. These peaches are from (Ralph) _____ garden.
8. That’s strange. There’s one cow in that field all _____.
9. That is (Evelyne) _____ stapler. It doesn’t belong to the office.
10. These are (Gloria) _____ books, not the school’s.
11. If you can’t help me, I’ll finish painting it _____.
12. I think she enjoys working _____. She’s not really a team player.
13. Bob said that he doesn’t need any help. He said that he can do it _____.

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Finish these sentences using POSSESSIVE DETERMINER + OWN or ON + POSSESSIVE DETERMINER + OWN or POSSESSIVE NOUN + OWN

1. Cara learned how to play the piano _____, without a teacher.
2. We brought _____ wine to the restaurant where we ate dinner.
3. This motel does not provide sheets and towels. The guests must bring _____ sheets and towels to the motel.
4. My friends all like to travel, and each of them has _____ car.
5. The children were excited because they were going to see a movie _____ for the first time.
6. I don't want to live with roommates. I want to live _____.
7. The recipe for this dish is (Jamie) _____ recipe. He did not find it in a cook-book.
8. If you learn to sew _____, you will be able to make _____ clothes.