



Preposition “De”

Español I

Capítulo Dos

Meaning

- The word **de** in Spanish can mean **of** or **from**.

Uses of “de”

- **De** is used to show possession or relationship.
- **THERE IS NO ‘S IN SPANISH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **Examples:**
- Es el carro **de** Ernesto.
It's Ernesto's car.
- Son los amigos **de** la profesora.
They're the teacher's friends.

Uses of “de”

- In addition, **de** can be used to indicate what type of thing you're describing.
- In this instance, **de** means “of”
- **Examples:**
- los libros **de** aventuras
adventure books
- las películas **de** misterio
mystery movies

Uses of “de”

- The word **de** is also used to say where someone is from.
- **Example:**
- Julio es **de** Costa Rica. *Julio is from Costa Rica.*

Uses of “de”

- If you want to say “of the” or “from the”, you must also include the definite article.
- The preposition **de** followed by **el** makes the contraction **del**.
- **Example:**
- el correo electrónico **del** profesor *the teacher's e-mail address*

More examples

- el carro es **de la** profesora.
- *los libros son **de los** estudiantes.*
- *las mochilas son **de las** muchachas*