

4.3 Vocabulary and skills development

GOALS ■ Understand pronoun referencing ■ Use opposite adjectives

Reading & Speaking pronoun referencing



- 1 Work in small groups. Look at the photos and answer the questions.
 - 1 How many things in the photos can you name?
 - 2 Which desk do you prefer? Why?
- 2 Read the information in the Unlock the code box about pronoun referencing.

UNLOCK THE CODE pronoun referencing

The first time we talk about a thing or person we usually use the noun. After that we often refer to it using a pronoun because we don't want to repeat the same noun.

Where's my **pen**? I can't find **it**.
it = pen

My grandparents are French. **They** live in Paris.
They = my grandparents

- 3 Circle the word in each sentence that the highlighted word refers to.
 - 1 My bedroom is very big, but I share **it** with my sister.
 - 2 His things are all on the floor. He never tidies **them**.
 - 3 We've got two big armchairs in the living room – **they**'re really comfortable.
 - 4 That's a beautiful picture. Where did you get **it**?
 - 5 Our house is quite small, but I really like **it**.
 - 6 A Are those your keys?
 B No, **they**'re yours.

- 4 Read the website forum. Write the thing or person that the highlighted word refers to.
 - 1 they (line 3) = _____
 - 2 it (line 4) = _____
 - 3 they (line 4) = _____
 - 4 They (line 14) = _____
 - 5 them (line 16) = _____

Are you a tidy worker or a messy worker? What's on your desk? Write and tell us.

Yesterday 15:23

Officegirl94: I'm a very messy person. My colleagues think my desk's really terrible; **they** can't believe all the things that are on **it**! Are you ready? Here **they** are: batteries, scissors, five or six magazines, about ten pens and pencils, a clock, a bottle of water, an apple, a cup, books, envelopes and a cheese sandwich! Oh, and my computer.

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Netguy: Wow Officegirl94! A cheese sandwich on your desk? Ugh! For me, a messy place is difficult to work in. I need a big desk to work on. The only things on my desk are a computer and a printer. **They**'re both new and expensive, so I like to keep **them** very clean.

- 5 Read another reply from the website. Use the **highlighted** words to help you answer questions 1–7.
- 1 Which two rooms are never clean?
 - 2 Who never does any cleaning?
 - 3 Who doesn't want to come and see Mala?
 - 4 What's not expensive?
 - 5 Who's good fun?
 - 6 What's on Mala's desk?
 - 7 What does Mala keep in the cupboard with her computer?

Today 11:35 ✓ ✕ ↻

Homeworker 77: I'm Mala. I live in a shared house with four other students and it's always messy. I share a kitchen and bathroom. **They**'re never clean because my housemates are very lazy. **They** never do any cleaning. My friends think the house is awful and **they** don't want to visit me. But **it**'s a cheap place to live and I like my housemates – **they**'re fun! My bedroom is different to the rest of the house. I work from home, so I keep everything tidy and organised in there. My desk's perfect – there's nothing on **it**! I only have one or two books on my desk when I'm working, but I put **them** in the cupboard with my laptop when I finish my work. I hate mess! Hmm, maybe I do need to move house!



- 6 Work with a partner. Describe your office or flat/house. Don't repeat any nouns – use pronouns instead.
- My kitchen's always messy. I only wash dishes when I need to use them.*

Vocabulary & Speaking opposite adjectives

- 7 Work with a partner. Underline the adjectives in the two forum posts in exercise 4.
- I'm a very messy person.*
- 8a Read the information in the Vocabulary focus box about opposite adjectives.

VOCABULARY FOCUS opposite adjectives

Many adjectives have opposites. Dictionaries often give you information about them. Learning words with their opposites increases your vocabulary, e.g.

messy/tidy cheap/expensive terrible/fantastic

- b Match adjectives 1–10 to their opposites a–j.

1 difficult	a short
2 big	b old
3 new	c bad
4 good	d light
5 clean	e modern
6 long	f small
7 heavy	g beautiful
8 quiet	h easy
9 ugly	i noisy
10 old-fashioned	j dirty

- c 4.9))) Listen, check and repeat.

- 9 Work in small groups. Which adjectives in exercise 8b can you use to talk about ...
- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 a bag? | 3 a person? |
| 2 a building? | 4 a restaurant? |

- 10a **TASK** Choose words from exercises 8a and 8b to complete the questions about your home and where you live.

- 1 Do you live in a big or a _____ flat/house?
- 2 Is it modern or _____?
- 3 Is your furniture mostly new or _____?
- 4 Is it usually tidy or _____?
- 5 Is your road quiet or _____?
- 6 Is it in a cheap or an _____ part of town?
- 7 Is your journey to work/college/your English lesson _____ or _____?

- b Work in small groups. Take turns to ask and answer the questions. Ask for more information and use pronouns instead of nouns if possible.

- A *My road's quite noisy.*
 B *Why?*
 A *It's very busy. There are a lot of buses and cars.*