

Word Order: Belonging to someone or something

Word order is quite important in English, particularly when something belongs to someone. Most of the examples given below are grammatically correct but the word order suggests the situations are far more important and formal than they should be and will make you sound like a pompous idiot (although some of them are important sounding and so don't really need to be changed, but, hey, this is an exercise). So can you rearrange these sentences - that is, change the order slightly - so they sound more natural in spoken English?

Example: *The birthday of my wife.* This should be: **My wife's birthday.**

1 The husband of Sue. _____

2 The motorbike of Ania. _____

3 Where is the country palace of the King? _____

4 What time is the wedding of Brian and Gillian? _____

5 The rich fruit cakes of Masterchef Julie Thomas.

6 Where are the geography books of the students?

7 The garden of my elderly grandmother. _____

8 What is the name of your dog? _____

9 That is the son of Richard. _____

10 When are you going to prepare the dinner of the guests?

11 Who is the friend of Peter going to the cinema with?

12 That's the Spiderman poster of Mike's. _____

13 This is the double-decker bus of the company. _____

14 Every day the friend of Peter gets into trouble at school.

15 How clean is the air of London? _____

16 The small brown wooden table of Felix's. _____

17 One of those books is a book of Peter's. _____

18 The exhibition includes a demonstration of the new smartphone of Samsung.

19 Our party is being held at the home of Benjamin Walright.

20 Three well-thought-out ideas of Eleanor's.

21 Do you have enough money of your father to pay for the insurance?

22 The tea and coffee-making facilities of the hotel are excellent.

23 We haven't installed the program of Adele's properly.

24 The great plan of Gosia's will help organise the finances of Gerard.

25 We look forward to hearing about the great adventures of Herbert.

26 The automated car wash has scratched the incredibly clean car of Alan's.

27 The preparations of the birthday party by Kevin for Juliet are going well.

28 The vacuum cleaner that belongs to Laura hasn't been fixed by the brother of Simon.

29 The sausage, egg and chips for Ronda has been ruined by the clumsiness of Brian.

30 Several of the employees are disappointed with the pay rise offer of the management.

31 The brand new flatscreen TV of Sony has been improved by the own technology of the company.

32 The cleaning tools of the staff have been left in the room of Gordon and Barney on the fifth floor of the hotel.
