



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 83 – A friend of mine / my own house
/ on my own / by self

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A FRIEND OF MINE / A FRIEND OF YOURS ETC.

A

❖ We say '(a friend) **of mine/yours/his/hers/ours/theirs**'.

A friend of mine = one of my friends

- EX1: I'm going to a wedding on Saturday. **A friend of mine** is getting married. (not a friend of me)
- EX2: We went on holiday with **some friends of ours**. (not some friends of us)
- EX3: Harry had an argument with **a neighbor of his**.
- EX4: It was **a good idea of yours** to go to the cinema.

❖ In the same way we say '(a friend) **of my sister's** / (a friend) **of Tom's**' etc. :

- EX5: That woman over there is **a friend of my sister's**. (= one of my sister's friends)
- EX6: It was **a good idea of Tom's** to go to the cinema.

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MY OWN ... / YOUR OWN ... ETC.

B

- ❖ We say **my own / your own / her own ... etc.** :
 - **my own house your own car her own room**
(*not an own house, an own car etc.*)
- ❖ **my own ... / your own ... etc.** = something that is only mine/yours, not shared or borrowed:
 - EX7: I don't want to share a room with anybody. I want **my own room**.
 - EX8: Vicky and Gary would like to have **their own house**.
 - EX9: It's a shame that the apartment hasn't got **its own parking space**.
 - EX10: It's **my own** fault that I have no money. I buy too many things I don't need.
 - EX11: Why do you want to borrow my car? Why don't you use **your own?** (= **your own car**)
- ❖ You can also say 'a room **of my own**', 'a house **of your own**', 'problems **of his own**' etc. :
 - EX12: I'd like to have a room **of my own**.
 - EX13: He won't be able to help you with your problems. He has too many problems **of his own**.

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HE CUTS HIS OWN HAIR

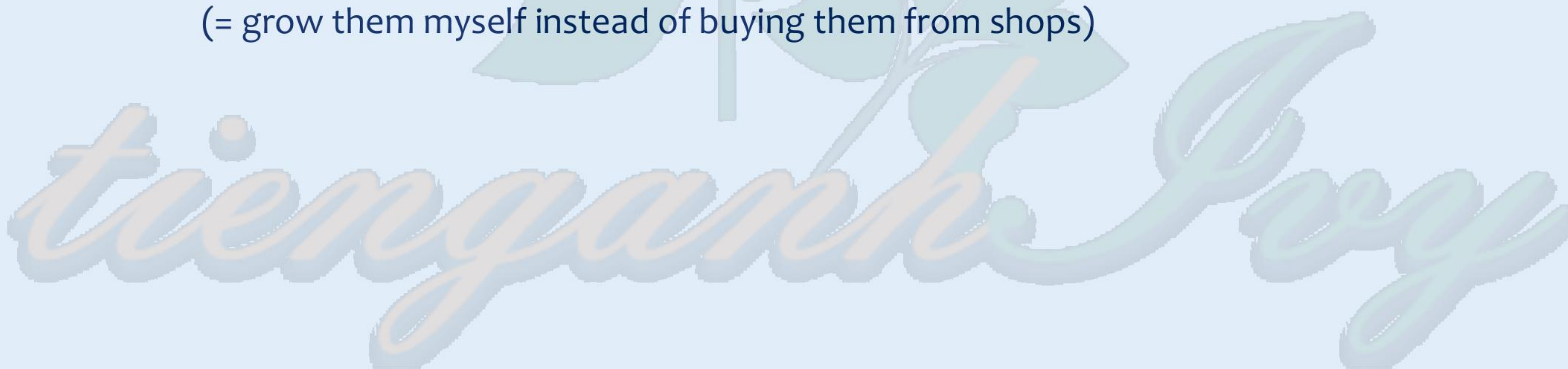
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❖ We also use **own** to say that we do something ourselves instead of somebody else doing it for us. For

example:

- EX14: Paul usually cuts **his own hair**. (= he cuts it himself)
- EX15: I'd like to have a garden so that I could grow **my own vegetables**.

(= grow them myself instead of buying them from shops)



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ON MY OWN / BY MYSELF

D

❖ **On my own** and **by myself** both mean 'alone'. So you can say:

on	[my / your]	own	or	by	[myself / yourself (singular)]
		his / her / its						himself / herself / itself	
		our / their						ourselves / yourselves (plural) / themselves	

- EX16: I like living **on my own**. or I like living **by myself**.
- EX17: Some people prefer to live **on their own**. or ... live **by themselves**.
- EX18: Jack was sitting **on his own** in a corner of the cafe. or Jack was sitting **by himself** ...
- EX19: Did you go on holiday **on your own**? or Did you go on holiday **by yourself**?

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TÓM TẮT

1. Chúng ta có thể dùng đại từ sở hữu để chỉ **cái gì đó của tôi, của bạn, của anh ấy, của cô ấy ...** mà không cần kèm theo danh từ phía sau như các tính từ sở hữu nếu danh từ đã được nêu trong ngữ cảnh, hoặc được nêu ở phần trước – *a friend of mine, a car of hers*
2. Để diễn tả ý cái gì đó của riêng một người nào đó, chúng ta thêm **own** sau tính từ sở hữu tương ứng như **my own, your own, their own**, hoặc **of my own, of his own, of their own** - *I don't want to share a room with anybody. I want my own room, or I want a room of my own.*
3. Chúng ta cũng dùng từ **own** để nói rằng ai đó tự làm việc gì đó mà không phải nhờ người khác thực hiện - *Paul usually cuts his own hair. (= he cuts it himself)*
4. Để diễn tả ý ai đó làm gì một mình, không làm cùng với người khác, chúng ta có thể dùng một trong hai cấu trúc:
 - On my own, on your own, on his / her / it own, etc.
 - By myself, by yourself, by himself / herself / itself, etc.*Did you go on holiday on your own? or Did you go on holiday by yourself?*