

## The preposition de

### Preview

- Show possession and indicate type
- Use to say where someone is from
- Contraction

## Show possession and indicate type

- **De** is used to show possession or relationship.

Es el carro **de** Ernesto.

*It's Ernesto's car.*

Son los amigos **de** la profesora.

*They're the teacher's friends.*

- In addition, **de** can be used to indicate what type of thing you're describing.

los libros **de** aventuras

*adventure books*

las películas **de** misterio

*mystery movies*

## Use to say where someone is from

- The word **de** is also used to say where someone is from.

Julio es **de** Costa Rica.    *Julio is from Costa Rica.*

## Contraction

- The preposition **de** followed by **el** makes the contraction **del**.

el correo electrónico **del**  
profesor

*the teacher's e-mail  
address*