Grammar Mini - Showing Whose it is

No apostrophe “s”: In Spanish, “'s” does not exist. Instead they use the word “de” + person’s name.

Examples: la casa de José = Joe’s house el perro de María = Maria’s dog

Try these:
el gato = the cat, el libro = the book, la foto = the photo, la camisa = the shirt

1. Joe’s book = _____________________________
2. Joe’s photo = _____________________________
3. Maria’s shirt = _____________________________
4. Maria’s cat = _____________________________
5. Joe’s dog = _____________________________

Talking About My, Your, His or Her: Take a look:

mi libro = my book   mis libros = my books
mi foto = my photo   mis fotos = my photos
tu gato = your cat   tus gatos = your cats
tu perro = your dog   tus perros = your dogs
*su camisa = his or her shirt  *sus camisas = his or her shirts

*su(s) can also mean “your” when being formal. This does not exist in English, but in Spanish there are more formal ways of communicating with people you do not speak to on a first name basis.

Try these:

1. my cat = _____________________________    my cats = _____________________________
2. your photo = _____________________________ your photos = _____________________________
3. his book = _____________________________    his books = _____________________________
4. her cat = _____________________________    her cats = _____________________________
5. *your shirt = _____________________________ your shirts = _____________________________
6. my house = _____________________________    my houses = _____________________________
7. your dog = _____________________________    your dogs = _____________________________
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2. la foto de José
3. la camisa de María
4. el gato de María
5. el perro de José

Try these:
1. mi gato    mis gatos
2. tu foto    tus fotos
3. su libro   sus libros
4. su gato    sus gatos
5. su camisa  sus camisas
6. mi casa    mis casas
7. tu perro   tus perros