

Possessive Case

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**BE SOMEONE'S STRENGTH.
BE SOMEONE'S INSPIRATION.
BE SOMEONE'S REASON
TO NEVER GIVE UP.**

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POSSESSIVE CASE

This is Ken's car.

These are girls' dresses.

Ahmet is a men's name.

That is Ali and Ayşe's father. (Ali and Ayşe are siblings)

Those are Ali's and Ayşe's cars. (They have different cars)

For things, ideas etc., we normally use **of** (... of the boy)
the door **of** the garage (*not* the garage's door)

the name **of** the book the owner **of** the restaurant
Sometimes the structure *noun + noun* is possible (see Unit 21)
the garage door the restaurant owner

We say **the beginning/end/middle of** ... , **the top/bottom of** ...
the beginning **of** the month (*not* the month's beginning)
the top **of** the hill the back **of** the car

You can usually use **-s** or **of** ... for an organisation (= a company)
the government's decision *or* the decision **of** the government
the company's success *or* the success **of** the company

its = possessive adjective
e.g. The dog is carrying *its* bowl.

it's = *it is* or *it has* e.g. *It's (it is)* raining hard today.
Let's go outside. *It's (it has)* stopped raining.

Exercise 1

Choose the correct answer

- 1) These are a) children's shoes b) childrens' shoes
- 2) The _____ is big a) dog's kennel b) dogs kennel
- 3) He watched the _____ on the Internet. a) yesterday's news b) yesterdays' news
- 4) _____ is not small. A) The horses' stable b) A) The horses stable
- 5) I'm staying at my _____ a) aunt's b) aunt
- 6) I don't know _____ a) Charles address b) Charles's address
- 7) The _____ bottles are made up of glass. A) babies` b)babies's
- 8) The _____ assignment was very tough. A) students' b) students
- 9) Will you come to my _____ house? A) friend b) friend's
- 10) The _____ documents got wet in the heavy rain. A) man' b) man's
- 11) Where is _____ house? A) Ravi`s and Kate`s b) Ravi and Kate`s
- 12) The _____ nests fell from the tree. A) birds' b) birds's
- 13) My _____ car is red in color. A) dads' b) dad's
- 14) Maria works at a ... in London. A) travel agent's b) travel agents c) travel's agent
- 15) Her parents are Mexican, and when she travels to Mexico she stays on her ...
a) grandparents's farm b) grandparents' farm
- 16) It is my _____ house. A) mother's – in – law b) mother – in – law's
- 17) I'd like to know the _____ opinion about this item of news.
a) editor's-in-chief b) editor-in-chief's c) editor-in-chief
- 18) The students borrowed _____ notes.
a) each other's b) each's other c) each others'
- 19) How many of _____ novels have you read?
a) Dicken's b) Dickens' c) Dickens

Exercise 2

Correct the possessive nouns for the following sentences:

- 1) The children trip got cancelled due to bad weather.
- 2) The artists's paintings were amazing.
- 3) The teachers laptops are not working.
- 4) Horse's owners are sitting in the lawn.
- 5) The girls' bag was on the desk.
- 6) The animals skin is used for making many things.
- 7) I went with my friends' sister to the market.
- 8) The cat fur was dark brown.
- 9) Tims sandwiches were tastier than ours.
- 10) The managers assistant reads all the customers letters.
- 11) Our cat sleep's all day in it's bed.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer

1) The daughter / Charles

- A. Charles' daughter
- B. Charles's daughter

2) The birthday / my father

- A. My father's birthday
- B. My fathers' birthday

3) The toys / the children

- A. The childrens' toys
- B. The children's toys

4) The new manager / the company

- A. The company's new manager
- B. The companies' new manager

5) The new managers / the companies

- A. The company's new managers
- B. The companies' new managers

6) The garden / our neighbours

- A. Our neighbours' garden
- B. Our neighbour's garden

Exercise 4

Translate the following word combinations from Russian into English.

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| 1) голос актрисы | 8) квартира Мэри и Джона |
| 2) машина мистера Дэвиса | 9) замок Генриха VIII |
| 3) фуражки полицейских | 10) свадьба моей невестки |
| 4) кольцо принцессы Дианы | 11) права женщин |
| 5) женская и детская одежда | 12) собака детей соседа |
| 6) ничья вина | 13) дело кого-то еще |
| 7) багаж пассажиров | 14) мнение американского президента |