

POSSESSIVE CASE:

A Noun is said to be in the Possessive Case when it denotes ownership, authorship, kind or origin.

- It is Shamim's lunch box.
- She likes to read Shakespeare's plays.
- There is no alternative of the mother's love.
- The Prime Minister's speech inspired everyone.

Noun ends in "s"

→ Simply add an apostrophe after the "s"

- Mr. Jones' house is small.
- The students' work was good.

Let's eat grandpa.

Let's eat, grandpa.

**correct punctuation can
save a person's life.**

Exercise 1

Choose the correct answer

1. I was surprised by a) *the announcement of yesterday* b) *yesterday's announcement*.
2. a) *The guitar playing of David* b) *David's guitar playing* has improved enormously.
3. a) *The completion of the road* b) *the road's completion* was ahead of schedule.
4. At the supermarket, I found I'd brought *the shopping list* a) *of last week* b) *last week's shopping list*.
5. a) *It's the responsibility of the firm that built the houses* b) *the firm that built the houses' responsibility*.
6. a) *Britain export* b) *Britain's export* to the United States has fallen recently.
7. That isn't much use; it's a) *the calendar of last year* b) *last year's calendar*.
8. I was shocked by a) *the opinion of Alice* b) *Alice's opinion*.
9. He patted a) *the shoulder of his brother* b) *his brother's shoulder*.
11. He's a) *a friend of a man I know at work* b) *a man I know at work's friend*.
12. a) *The evacuation of the building* b) *the building's evacuation* took only 10 minutes.
13. a) *Last week storm* b) *last week's storm* caused a lot of damage.
14. There will be a big crowd at a) *the football match of this evening* b) *at this evening's football match*.

Exercise 2

Open the brackets

1. This is my _____ house. (*parents*)
2. You know John? He's _____ father. (*David and Neil*)
3. I borrowed _____ bike. (*Lewis*)
4. I'll be staying at my _____. (*uncle and aunt*)
5. That looks like _____ car. (*John and Jean*)
6. Could you give me _____ address? (*Charles*)
7. You need _____ rest. (*a couple of days*)
8. We usually have _____ holiday in summer. (*two weeks*)
9. Did you see the cartoon in _____ newspaper? (*yesterday*)
10. Are you coming to my _____ party? (*brother-in-law*)

11. _____ versions of the event seemed different. (*Mr. Smith and Mr. Sims*)
12. There's a new _____ surgery on the corner of Greenford Street. (*Dr. Brown*)
13. The company manufactures low cost _____ uniforms. (*nurses*)

Exercise 3

Correct the mistakes

1. There was a chair near the library's secretary desk.
2. Mr. Brown was satisfied with the results of Tom and Nick's visit.
3. I think we ought to drink dear James' health, and the health of Charles' wife.
4. I'm not good at other peoples' affairs.
5. They had found refreshments over the way at Brown's and Smith's.
6. I'm really fed up with my landlord's wife's complaints about noise.
7. My brother's-in-law parents have decided to emigrate.
8. It's not my bag, it's somebody else.
9. There was a two minute's wait while the computer started.
10. Janice decided to open a shop specializing in childrens' clothes.

Exercise 4

Rebuild the phrases using possessive case

1. the cheques of travelers
2. the decision of the authorities
3. a course that lasts three months
4. a shop of the florist
5. . the opinions of each other
6. a rest of a couple of days
7. the changing room for men
8. the dance of Fred and Ginger
9. the dog belonging to the son of my next-door neighbor
10. the advice of somebody else
11. the signature of the boss
12. the books that belong to the children
13. the office of the editor-in-chief