

1 Introduction to the genitive

Watch the film about the genitive to solve task 1a. Remember that you can stop the film wherever you want and watch it as many times as you feel necessary.

a Fill in the missing words.

We use the genitive when we want to show that someone _____ something.

Singular: The _____ violin. The man owns the _____.

Plural: The _____ canoe. The _____ belongs to the girls.

Where you place the apostrophe depends on whether the noun is in the _____ or in the plural.

In the singular, the girl's canoe, we add an apostrophe and an _____ to the noun.

In the plural, the girls' canoe, you only add an _____ to the noun.

Remember, be aware of irregular nouns:

A child's candy → the children's candy.

The man's segway → The _____ segways.

The woman's lipstick → The _____ lipsticks.

Did you get it? Place the apostrophes:

Singular:

The fathers costume.

The childs skateboard.

Plural:

The boys water guns.

The mens apron.

b Put the apostrophe in the right place

Example: Sarah is Emily's aunt.

Did you read yesterdays newspaper?

Our grandparents live in an old peoples home.

These are our friends cats.

This is Peters toothbrush.

The childrens room is upstairs.

This is the farmers tractor.

Kristins new bike is awesome.

It was the janitors shovel.

The mens football team won the championship.

She was the peoples princess.



c Explain it yourself

Turn to your partner and explain in your own words how and when to use the genitive.

Challenge!

d Circle the genitives you find in the text below.

It's that time of the year again. Harry's smile is wide, Megan's face lights up and Terry's laughing with tears in his eyes. It's summer holidays and school's out. The three friends are going to relax and go swimming every day. But it's time for shopping first. Terry's swim trunks are too small, so he needs new ones. Megan's shorts are torn and Harry's t-shirt has holes in it. In fact, the friends' clothes are in dire need of replacement. Luckily there's plenty of time for shopping in the summer holidays as well! Who's looking forward to it?

2 Independent work

a Fill in the correct form of the genitive.

John's sister is 12 years old. (John)

This is the _____ snowboard (girl)

These are the _____ pencils. (students)

Where is the _____ room? (ladies)

That sandwich wouldn't be to _____ taste. (everyone)

_____ brother, Harold, plays cricket. (Mandy)

The _____ books are over there. (children)

_____ and _____ mother is a teacher. (Daisy, Daniel)

This is our _____ car. (boss)

That is the _____ parachute. (man)



b What's the difference?
Briefly explain what these sentences mean.

Example:

The student's computer

The computer belongs to one student.

The teacher's office

The students' computer

The computer belongs to many students.

The teachers' office

The mens' safe

The man's safe

The ghost's house

The ghosts' house



3 Pair work

Genitive story

Pick six of the words below to create a short story where you use the genitive. On purpose, make genitive mistakes to confuse your partner. When the story is completed, switch stories and let the correction begin. Who can spot and correct the most mistakes?

icy fingers
painting
women
coffee machine
joints
bruises
books
shower

school
boy
work
ladies
trees
bicycle
hat
exams

4 Class activities

Cards in the air!

Your teacher has instructions for this task.