



01. Worksheet 8 –Genitive ('s, s', ..of..) – possessive case

1. People v. things – can the underlined words take the 's genitive or not?

1. Jane / house - _____
2. book / title - _____
3. film / director - _____
4. my brother / wife - _____
5. boy / name - _____
6. girls / school - _____
7. children / parents - _____
8. problem / cause - _____
9. page / top - _____
10. street / name - _____
11. men / work - _____
12. waitress / job - _____
13. car / key - _____

02. The 's genitive can be used not only with names (people) but also other expressions – animals, geographical expressions, time expressions. Are the following phrases right or not?

1. the office of the teacher
2. children's shoes
3. the world's population
4. Britain's scientists
5. the letter's top
6. the dog's kennel
7. the club's owner
8. the company's director
9. yesterday's news
10. next week's meeting
11. the horses' stable
12. a table's leg
13. the book's cover
14. the twins' mother
15. a man's voice
16. my sister-in-law's father
17. the boss's secretary
18. Charles's address
19. (I'm staying) at my aunt's
20. China's policy

03. Compare the following phrases – all of them are correct, but not always they mean the same:

- a) Jack and Jane's children // Jack's and Jane's children
- b) a ten-minute walk // ten minutes' walk
- c) Mike's brother's friends // Mike's brothers' friends
- d) John's sister / a sister of John's / one of John's sisters
- e) Jane's husband // that husband of Jane's

04. Periods of time – use the 's genitive:

1. two weeks / holiday - _____
2. a month / illness - _____
3. five hours / journey - _____
4. three days / business trip - _____
5. a month / salary - _____

05. Are the following phrases correct?

1. America's policy
2. New York's tallest skyscraper
3. the earth's surface
4. a day's work
5. the army's advance



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6. an actress's career
 7. someone's responsibility
 8. (be) at the dentist's