

Possessive case

Object as Possessor

Formed when an object possesses an item:

The "<possessed_item>" of the "<possessor>".

Examples:

possessed possessor

The color of the pencil.

The bottoms of the coat.

The end of the tape.

The window of the house.

Person as Possessor

When a person possesses something, the person comes first, followed by an apostrophe and s, and then immediately the object possessed:

examples:

<person>'s <object>

John's belt.

Helen's father.

My sister's friend.

Your mother's brother.

The girl's uncle.

Person as Possessor – case 2

If the possessor ends in s, the apostrophe is added after the s, with no additional "s".

Examples:

<person>'s' <object>

The ladies' skirts

The boys' shoes