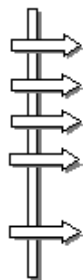


Try to be a rainbow  
in someone's cloud.

## POSSESSIVE CASE

1. The car **of** the man
2. The car **belonging to** James
3. The car **of** his parents
4. The strength **of** Hercules



1. The man's car
2. James's car
3. His parents' car
4. Hercules' strength
5. The car ~~of~~ keys (car → *adjective*)

6. today's work
7. in an hour's time
8. last year's race
9. yesterday's party

We can use the possessive form of nouns with people or groups of people (e.g. companies), other living things, places, and times. To make the possessive form of names ending in -s (pronounced /z/) we can add either ' or 's:

- It's Derek **Jones'** (or Derek **Jones's**) new sports car.

Even if the last letter of the author's name is an s, then still put an 's.  
Exceptions: non-English surnames that end in a silent -s (e.g. *Camus'* first novel, *Descartes' meditations*).

Descartes'  
*Meditations*

## Exercise 1

### Choose the correct the answer

- 1) Please don't park there. That is the employee of the \_\_\_\_\_ parking place.
- a) months
  - b) month
  - c) month's
  - d) months'

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee shop is going out of business because Sam and Joe can no longer stand working together.
- a) Sams and Joes
  - b) Sam and Joe
  - c) Sam and Joe's
  - d) Sam's and Joe
  - e) Sam's and Joe's
- 3) Last \_\_\_\_\_ meeting was extremely long and boring.
- a) Friday
  - b) Fridays
  - c) Friday's
  - d) Fridays'
- 4) My \_\_\_\_\_ cooking is really quite amazing.
- a) mothers-in-law
  - b) mother-in-law
  - c) mother-in-laws
  - d) mother-in-law's
  - e) mother's-in-law
- 5) Mary put the papers on her \_\_\_\_\_ desk.
- a) bosses
  - b) boss'
  - c) boss
  - d) boss's
- 6) Excuse me. Could you tell me where the \_\_\_\_\_ restroom is?
- a) mens'
  - b) men
  - c) mens
  - d) men's
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ girlfriends are fighting again.
- a) Bob's and Jim's
  - b) Bob and Jim
  - c) Bob and Jim's
  - d) Bob's and Jim
  - e) Bobs and Jims

- 8) That bicycle belongs to one of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) boys  
b) boys'  
c) boy  
d) boy's

## Exercise 2

**Define if the sentences are correct or incorrect. Change the wrong usage.**

- 1) Charles has got a new camera. Charles camera is new. A) correct b) incorrect
- 2) George has got an old mobile phone. George's mobile phone is old. A) correct b) incorrect
- 3) I stayed at my aunts house last night. A) correct b) incorrect
- 4) Her daughter's-in-law ideas are always unique. A) correct b) incorrect
- 5) The part-timers shift ended at 10 pm. A) correct b) incorrect
- 6) The two teams' projects tied for first place. A) correct b) incorrect
- 7) This years' fashion isn't my cup of tea. A) correct b) incorrect
- 8) This is the ladies's room. A) correct b) incorrect
- 9) Hercules' power was incredible. A) correct b) incorrect
- 10) The two boy's rucksacks were found at the water's edge. A) correct b) incorrect

11) The building had lost all it's window's and door's. A) correct b) incorrect

12) New York's skyline has lost two of it's most famous buildings. A) correct b) incorrect

13) Who has taken Paul's shoes? A) correct b) incorrect

14) The three car's tires were found in the only suspect's flat. A) correct b) incorrect

15) The childrens' books and pencils were put in their bags. A) correct b) incorrect

16) I would like to see all those actor's together on that theaters famous stage.  
A) correct b) incorrect

17) All those people's car's make the shop keeper's lives much more difficult.

A) correct b) incorrect

18) All the children's books and their parent's coats' were put in the school's lost property bags. A) correct b) incorrect

### Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer 's or -

1. I have sold an old (bedside table) a) 's b) -

2. He knows (China history) fairly well. a) 's b) -

3. We hate (chicken soup). a) 's b) -

4. Don't forget to buy a (Mother day) card ! a) 's b) -

5. Take this (bath towel). a) 's b) -

6. It's my (sister new doll). a) 's b) -

7. Here are the (car papers). a) 's b) -

8. Do you enjoy (horse races) ? a) 's b) -

9. Have you met the (firm boss) ? a) 's b) -

11. We never use (computer disks). a) 's b) -

12. Don't let the baby play with the (dog toy). a) 's b) -

13. Don't let the baby play with (dog toys). a) 's b) -

14. We are going to put (grandfather clock) in the hall. a) 's b) -

### Exercise 4

**Put the possessive case**

- 1) This is ( Peter and Kate) book.
- 2) Let's go to the (Smiths).
- 3) The (children) room is upstairs.
- 4) (John) sister is twelve years old.
- 5) (Susan and Steve) schools are old.
- 6) (Men) shoes are on the second floor.
- 7) My (parents) car was not expensive.
- 8) (Charles) CD player is new.
- 9) These are the (boys) pencils.