

Задание 1: Read this information and examples

The Idea of Possession

The idea of possession in Russian can be expressed not only by the possessive pronouns мой, твой, его, её, наш etc. (my, your, his, her, our etc.), but by the Genitive case as well.

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| – Чья это сумка? | <i>Whose purse is that?</i> |
| – Это моя сумка. | <i>It's my purse.</i> |
| – А чей это рюкзак? | <i>And whose backpack is that?</i> |
| – Это рюкзак Антон а. | <i>It's Anton's backpack.</i> |
| – А где сам Антон? | <i>And where is Anton himself?</i> |
| – Не знаю. | <i>I have no idea.</i> |

In English possession is indicated by 's whereas in Russian the Genitive steps in to perform the same function and it always follows the word it modifies. Compare:

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| Это собака Марины . | <i>It's Marina's dog.</i> |
| Это машина мужа . | <i>It's the husband's car.</i> |
| Это телефон секретаря . | <i>It's the secretary's phone.</i> |
| Это кабинет директора . | <i>It's the director's room.</i> |

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When speaking about the author of a book, film, musical piece etc. in English you would typically use either the construction with "by" or the possessive 's, whereas Russian will always come up with the Genitive case:

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| Это поэма Пушкина. | <i>This is a poem by Pushkin./ This is Pushkin's poem.</i> |
| Это фильм Спилберга. | <i>This is a film by Spielberg./ This is Spielberg's film.</i> |
| Это картина Карла Брюллова. | <i>This is a picture by Karl Bryullov./ This is Karl Bryullov's picture.</i> |

You would also use the Genitive in the majority of cases when English comes up with "of":

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| история города | <i>the history of the city</i> |
| королева Англии | <i>Queen of England</i> |
| конец месяца | <i>the end of the month</i> |
| начало года | <i>the beginning of the year</i> |

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However, note that some Russian constructions with the Genitive are often rendered into English like this:

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| магазин обуви | <i>shoe store</i> |
| чемпионат мира | <i>World Cup/ world championship</i> |
| выборы Президента | <i>Presidential elections</i> |
| остановка автобуса | <i>bus stop</i> |

In the examples below you can use the question word "какой":

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| – Какой магазин? | <i>Which store?</i> |
| – Магазин техники. | <i>Appliance store.</i> |
| – Какой президент? | <i>Which President?</i> |
| – Президент Америки. | <i>President of the US.</i> |
| – Какие выборы? | <i>Which elections?</i> |
| – Выборы президента. | <i>Presidential elections.</i> |

In Russian you may as well encounter the “chain” of Genitive forms following each other. For example:

Город Москва.
The City of Moscow.

История города Москвы
The history of the city of Moscow.

Музей истории города Москвы.
The museum of Moscow History.

Директор музея истории города Москвы.
The director of the Moscow History Museum.

Секретарь директора музея истории города Москвы.
The secretary of the director of the Moscow History Museum.

Задание 2: Click on a word (words) that should be translated into Russian in the Genitive Case.

1.-We will have presidential elections soon.

-For whom will you vote?

-I don't know yet.

2.I often go to the shopping center „Galereya“. There is hardly everything you are looking for! There is always a big choice of clothes and shoes for every taste and every purse.

3.-Are you going to watch the Europa League Final?

-Yes, I am.

-Who are you going to root for?

-For Wales.

4.-We went mushroom hunting in the forest. We saw recent traces of a bear.

-I didn't know that there are bears in our forest!

5.-Have you been to Bruges?

-No, I haven't. Where is it?

-It is a small, but very beautiful city in the North-West of Belgium.

6.Do you remember what is this actress's name? She was starred as detective in the series «След».

7. Victor always dreamt of a career as diplomat.

8. -Did you watch the film «Back to the Future»?

-No, I didn't. What is the film about?

-About a time machine.

-No, I didn't definitely. I don't like science fiction.

9. Last Saturday Igor and Alice celebrated another wedding anniversary.

10. This weekend the whole country is celebrating the Teacher's Day.

11. The Red Square is the symbol of Moscow.

12. Did you watch the series „Adventures of Conan the Barbarian”?

-No, I didn't. I don't like such films very much.

13. My sister works at the Institute of Economics and Law. She is a teacher at the Chair of Marketing and Advertising.

14. -Whose music is this?

-It's Mozart's.

15. -Do you know by chance whose car is standing here?

-It is the car of the director of the institute.