

Saxon genitive (possessive 's)

a) RULES:

Remember! The apostrophe is on this key:



1. We use the Saxon genitive adding 's to a noun that refers to a person. We use it to refer to a person's possessions or relatives:

My mother's car is white. = The car that my mother drives is white.

My uncle's house is huge. = The house where my uncle lives is huge.

My brother's girlfriend is very friendly. = The girl that goes out with my brother is very friendly.

2. We can also use the Saxon genitive with certain time expressions:

In **today's news** they mentioned another shoot-out in the US.

Tomorrow's weather: it will be rainy in the morning.

I am studying for **next week's exam**.

3. We can also use the Saxon genitive with cities:

Many of **London's museums** are free.

b) EXERCISE: rewrite these sentences using the Saxon genitive.

1. My brother bought these shoes. = These are _____.
2. That man has a red car. = That _____ is red.
3. The homework for today is easy. _____ is easy.
4. Susan has got very long legs. = _____ are very long.
5. The traffic in Dublin is heavy. = _____ is heavy.
6. The president didn't give a clear answer. = _____ was not clear.
7. My dog has black spots. = _____ are black.
8. Tomorrow we will have a difficult match against Liverpool. = _____ against Liverpool will be difficult.
9. The dog that my neighbour has is very noisy. = _____ is very noisy.
10. My aunt had a beautiful garden. = _____ was beautiful.