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Understanding Genitive Phrases

The genitive case is used to show possession. It is usually created by adding 's to a noun not ending in s, and ' to a noun ending in s, or by preceding a word with "of." The genitive is used to express possession with people, animals, time, geographical locations, etc.



DIRECTIONS: Read each pair of phrases. They are all correct, but mean every different things. Write the meaning of each phrase below it.

1. A. Bill and Grace's cars

B. Bill's and Grace's cars

2. A. a five-minute drive

B. five minutes' drive

3. A. Sue's sister's horse

B. Sue's sisters' horse

4. A. Frank's cat

B. a cat of Frank's

5. A. Donald's tuba

B. one of Donald's tubas