

## Worksheet 8 –Genitive ('s, s', ..of..) – possessive case

1. *People v. things* – can the underlined words take the 's **genitive** or not?

1. Jane / house - \_\_\_\_\_
2. book / title - \_\_\_\_\_
3. film / director - \_\_\_\_\_
4. my brother / wife - \_\_\_\_\_
5. boy / name - \_\_\_\_\_
6. girls / school - \_\_\_\_\_
7. children / parents - \_\_\_\_\_
8. problem / cause - \_\_\_\_\_
9. page / top - \_\_\_\_\_
10. street / name - \_\_\_\_\_
11. men / work - \_\_\_\_\_
12. waitress / job - \_\_\_\_\_
13. car / key - \_\_\_\_\_

2. The 's **genitive** can be used not only with names (people) but also other expressions – animals, geographical expressions, time expressions. Are the following phrases right or not?

1. the office of the teacher
2. children's shoes
3. the world's population
4. Britain's scientists
5. the letter's top
6. the dog's kennel
7. the club's owner
8. the company's director
9. yesterday's news
10. next week's meeting
11. the horses' stable
12. a table's leg
13. the book's cover
14. the twins' mother
15. a man's voice
16. my sister-in-law's father
17. the boss's secretary
18. Charles's address
19. (I'm staying) at my aunt's
20. China's policy

3. *Compare the following phrases – all of them are correct, but not always they mean the same:*

- a) Jack and Jane's children  
Jack's and Jane's children
- b) a ten-minute walk  
ten minutes' walk

c) Mike's brother's friends  
Mike's brothers' friends

d) John's sister  
a sister of John's  
one of John's sisters

e) Jane's husband  
that husband of Jane's

4. *Periods of time – use the 's genitive:*

1. two weeks / holiday - \_\_\_\_\_
2. a month / illness - \_\_\_\_\_
3. five hours / journey - \_\_\_\_\_
4. three days / business trip - \_\_\_\_\_
5. a month / salary - \_\_\_\_\_

5. *Are the following phrases correct?*

1. America's policy
2. New York's tallest skyscraper
3. the earth's surface
4. a day's work
5. the army's advance
6. an actress's career
7. someone's responsibility
8. (be) at the dentist's