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Genitive Adjectives



Forming and declining possessive adjectives in Russian

Structure of a possessive adjective

noun ending in -а (a) or -я (ya)
(owner / possessor) + **-ИН (in)** + **adjective agreement**
(agrees with the owned thing)

Usually possessive adjectives are formed from:

- personal names
- "titles" for family members (e.g. mom, dad, aunt, ...)

Examples of how to form a possessive adjective:

Мама (MAMA) → мамин (MAMin, "mother's")

Бабушка (BAbooshka) → бабушкин (BAbooshkin, "grandmother's")

These are feminine nouns.

Тётя (TYOtya) → тётин (TYOtIn, "aunt's")

Кошка (KOSHka) → кошкИН (KOSHkin, "cat's")

Папа (PApa) → папин (PApin, "dad's")

Дедушка (DEdooshka) → дедушкин (DEdooshkin, "grandpa's")

These masculine nouns

Миша (MEEsha) → Мишин (MEEshin, "Misha's")

have feminine endings.

Саша (SAsha) → Сашин (SAshin, "Sasha's")



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Declining a possessive adjective for case and number:

Possessive adjectives decline just like “regular” adjectives. Because they describe the noun that is possessed, the possessive adjective will agree with the thing that is owned or possessed.

Case	Gender and Number			
	masculine	neuter	feminine	plural
Nominative	мамин MAmin	мамино MAmina	мамина MAmina	мамины MAminy
Accusative inanimate	мамин MAmin	мамино MAmina	мамину MAmino	мамины MAminy
Accusative animate	маминого MAminava	маминого MAminava	мамину MAmino	маминых MAminykh
Prepositional	мамаином MAminam	мамином MAminam	маминой MAminay	маминых MAminykh
Genitive	маминого MAminava	маминого MAminava	маминой MAminay	маминых MAminykh
Dative	маминому MAminamoo	маминому MAminamoo	маминой MAminay	маминым MAminym
Instrumental	маминым MAminym	маминым MAminy	маминой MAminay	мамиными MAminymi



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Examples of possessive adjectives in sentences:

Now let's see how it works in the sentence:

Nom. Это папины вещи: папина рубашка, папин свитер, папины штаны и папино пальто.
Eta PApiny VYEshci: PApin rooBASHka, PApin SVEEter, PApiny shtaNY i PApina paLITO.
These are Dad's things: Dad's shirt, Dad's sweater, Dad's pants, and Dad's coat.

Acc. Я вижу мамину машину, но не вижу маминых ключей от машины.
ya VEEzhoo MAminoo maSHEEnoo, no ni VEEzhoo MAminykh klyuCHEY at maSHEEny.
I see Mom's car but I do not see Mom's keys from the car.

Prep. Я очень люблю бывать в большом дедушкином доме в городе и на дедушкиной даче за городом летом.
ya Ochen lyubLYU byVAT v balSHOM DEdooshkinam DOme v GOrade i na DEdooshkinay DAche ZAgorodom LEtam.
I love being at Grandpa's big house in the city, and at Grandpa's country house in summer.

Gen. Я не представляю свою жизнь без бабушкиной еды и и бабушкиных рассказов.
ya ni pridstavLYAyu svAYOOU zheezn byes BAbooshkinay yedoo i BAbooshkinykh rasKazav.
I can't imagine my life without Grandma's food and Grandma's stories.

Dat. Я буду очень скучать по тётиному борщу.
ya BOOdoo Ochen skooCHAT pa TYOtinamoo barSHCHOO.
I will miss my aunt's borsch a lot.

Instr. Мы находимся между Сашиным и Колиным домами.
my naKHOdimsa MEZHdoo SAshinym i KOlinym daMAmi.
We are located between Sasha's and Kolya's houses.



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