



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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1 What do you see?

Look at the photos below and list five things that you see in each photo in the nominative case.





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2 Identify nominative case

Choose the nominative case form of the words in the left column and fill in the blanks in the sentences provided on the right.

Options	Russian Sentence
Дуб Дубом Дубу	___ растёт на берегу реки. ___ rasTYOT na biriGOO rikEE. The oak tree grows on the river bank.
Библиотекой Библиотеке Библиотека	___ приобрела новую коллекцию книг. ___ priabriLA NOvooyu kaLEktsiyu knik. The library got a new collection of books.
Меня Я Мне	___ пью кофе каждое утро. ___ руу KOfe KAZhdaye OOTra. I drink coffee every morning.
Майкл Майкла Майклу	___ позвонил маме и поздравил её с 8 Марта. ___ pazvaNEEL MAMye i pazdRAvil yeYO s vasMYM MArta. Michael called his mother and wished her a happy March 8.
Ребенка Ребёнок Ребенком	___ спит. ___ speet. The child sleeps.

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3 Singular vs plural

Fill in the table with the missing singular or plural form of the nouns in nominative case.

Nominative singular	Nominative plural	English	Gender
	столы (staLY)	table	masculine
стакан (staKAN)		glass (for drinking)	masculine
телефон (tiliFON)		telephone	masculine
	поколения (pakaLYEniya)	generation	neuter
статья (statYA)		article	feminine
	семьи (SEMyi)	family	feminine
корзина (karZEEena)		basket	feminine
	бёдра (bYODra)	hip	neuter

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4 Address someone directly

Look at the sentences below and for each sentence identify which noun(s) should be in the nominative case.

1. Maria, help me with the suitcase, please.
2. Galina, do you know where the restaurant is?
3. The dog sits in the grass.
4. The children came home from school at 3:00 pm.
5. Excuse me, young man, do you know how to get to the Hermitage?
6. My old computer broke yesterday!
7. Dear Paulina, please read the letter I sent a month ago.
8. Boris, look at the beautiful sky!

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1 Photo 1 sample answers

дерево (DEreva, "tree")
трава (traVA, "grass")
небо (NEba, "sky")
дом (dom, "house")
облака (Oblaka, "clouds")
листья (LEEstya, "leaves")
лес (les, "woods")

Photo 2 sample answers

люди (LYUdi, "people")
деревья (deREVya, "trees")
бассейн (baSEyen, "pool")
собаки (saBAki, "dogs")
дети (DEti, "children")
пляж (PLYAzh, "beach")
река (rika, "river")

2 Дуб (doob, "oak tree")
Библиотека (biblioTEka, "library")
Я (ya, "I")
Майкл (MAIkel, "Michael")
Ребёнок (reBYOnak, "child")

3 стол (stol, "table")
стаканы (staKANI, "glasses")
телефоны (tiliFONI, "telephones")
поколение (pakaLEnie, "generation")
статьи (statYEE, "articles")
семья (semYA, "family")
корзины (karZEEeni, "baskets")
бедро (bedRO, "hip")

4 1. Maria
2. Galina, restaurant
3. the dog
4. the children
5. young man
6. my old computer
7. Paulina
8. Boris

