



Paco: Paco's sister helps her brother



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The Genitive Case

Form:

- * The Saxon Genitive (living things)

Possessor + 's + thing possessed

Sonia's legendary book

- * Of-construction or Norman Genitive (non-living things)

Thing possessed + of + possessor/origin

The pictures of the travel brochures

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Mainly used to express:

* Possession

- Paco's and Sonia's books are different.

* Origin

- Scotland's legends are really interesting.

* Relationships

- Sonia is Paco's sister.

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The Saxon Genitive vs. the Norman Genitive

* Living things (people and animals):	Paco's tennis rackets / the dog's collar
* Countries:	England's legends
* Institutions / organizations:	UNESCO's list
* Places + superlatives:	Loch Ness' greatest sights
* Time references:	Next Sunday's match
* Fixed expressions/idioms:	for goodness' sake / a stone's throw
* Well-known places (shops, churches, etc.)	at St Patrick's (cathedral) / The party is at Andrés's

* Non-living things	The
pages of the book	
	The
words of the pages	
Also possible, but less frequent:	
	The collar
of the dog	
	The
tennis rackets of Paco	



The Saxon Genitive: Several possessors

* Some of the things possessed belong to one possessor and others to a different possessor:

Paco's and Andrés's tennis rackets
Alex's, Paco's and Sonia's books

• The things possessed belong to all the possessors:

Sonia, Paco and Alex's parents
The dog and the cat's toys



Double genitive

Of construction + Saxon genitive

The legends of Sonia's book are fantastic

The colours of the dog's collar are bright.

Attention!!!

A friend of me/him/her/our/them ⇒ **WRONG**

A friend of mine/his/hers/ours/theirs ⇒ **CORRECT**