

GENITIVE WITH ADJECTIVES

The first use of the Genitive case in Latin is the Possessive Genitive, the second is the Descriptive Genitive. A third use is the Genitive with an Adjective, where a noun in the genitive case limits or specifies an adjective rather than a noun.

English again uses the preposition "of" to accomplish what the genitive does in Latin. The object of the preposition "of" may limit or specify the meaning of an adjective.

Consider the following examples:

A sack full **of apples**
A man tired **of working**
The strongest **of the men**

In Latin, many adjectives such as *plenus* require a genitive to complete their meaning.

Consider the following examples:

Poculum plenum vini ("cup full of wine")
Canistrum plenum caseorum ("basket full of cheeses")