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Upper - Intermediate

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A Night Out at Garlic and Shots

It was Friday evening, the end of a long working week. Mark and Sarah's children were staying at their grandparents', so the couple decided to go out with friends. They met John's sister, Lou, and Charles's cousin, Tess, in central London. Tess's husband works at Microsoft's head office in California, but he was away, so she joined them for fun.

The group wanted something unusual. They walked through Soho's busy streets, looking for a special restaurant. Soon they found Garlic and Shots, a famous place at 14 Frith Street. The restaurant's idea is simple but extreme: every dish contains garlic. Garlic bread, garlic pasta, garlic drinks, and even garlic ice cream! If you don't love garlic, it's not the place for you.

They went inside. The atmosphere was dark and gothic, with metal music playing quietly. The walls had posters and strange decorations. They sat at a table and looked at the menu. There were many choices: garlic ribs, garlic burgers, garlic curries, and vegetarian options with extra garlic. For drinks, they offered over 100 shots, some with garlic vodka or chilli.

"What shall we order?" asked Sarah.

"I want the garlic pasta," said Lou. "And a garlic shot!"

Mark chose garlic bread and a main course with roasted garlic. Tess, who loves strong flavours, picked the Transylvania Vampire Steak – a grilled sirloin with hot chilli sauce and garlic potato gratin. Charles's cousin ordered garlic meatballs.

They ate two courses each, with drinks and coffee – garlic coffee, of course! The portions were good, and the bill wasn't too expensive for central London.

While they ate, they talked about family and work. "Is Marian's niece a teacher at the boys' school or the girls' school?" asked John.

"She's at the girls' school," replied Sarah. "She loves working with children."

Then Tess said, "What's the Prime Minister's wife's name? I've forgotten."

"It's easy to forget," laughed Mark. "The country's economic situation is difficult now. It may lead to a reduction in people's salaries, so everyone is worried."

"After the meal, they felt full – and their breath smelled strongly of garlic! They joked about it. "We need to buy women's perfumes or men's aftershave at a chemist's tomorrow," said Lou. "Or nobody will want to sit near us!"

On the way home in Lou's car, they passed a doctor's waiting room where someone was reading a magazine. They also saw a children's hospital collecting money to stay open. "It's the government's job to provide homes for the homeless," said Charles. "And four weeks' holiday every year by law!"

Before saying goodbye, they planned the next barbecue. "We can have it in Anne's garden," said Sarah. "It's the biggest!"

Everyone agreed it was a great night. Garlic and Shots was unusual, but the food, the friends, and the laughter made it unforgettable.

Questions:

Question 1: Where were Mark and Sarah's children staying while their parents went out?

Question 2: What is the main idea or theme of the restaurant Garlic and Shots?

Question 3: Name two unusual garlic dishes or drinks that were mentioned in the menu.

Question 4: Whose husband works at Microsoft's head office in California?

Question 5: According to the friends' conversation, whose job is it to provide homes for the homeless?

Answers

Answer 1: Mark and Sarah's children were staying at their grandparents'.

Answer 2: The main idea / theme of the restaurant is that every dish and drink contains garlic (all the food has garlic).

Answer 3: (Any two of the following are correct) garlic ice cream, garlic pasta, garlic drinks, garlic coffee, garlic bread, garlic ribs, garlic burgers, garlic curries, garlic meatballs, Transylvania Vampire Steak and garlic vodka shots.

Answer 4: Tess's husband works at Microsoft's head office in California.

Answer 5: It's the government's job to provide homes for the homeless.

Possessives, pronouns and quantifiers

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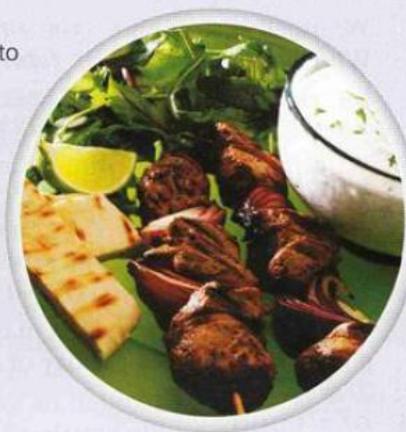
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Before you start

- 1 Read the review of a restaurant. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.

This Turkish restaurant is in a small side road at **the end of the high street**, so it's easy to miss it. I went there on Friday evening with **a friend of mine**. Expecting **little choice**, we went in for a quick meal and we were pleasantly surprised. We **helped ourselves** to several cold starters from the self-service display, and we ordered a couple of **hot ones** from the menu. **Most of them** were vegetarian and they were all excellent. We felt quite full so we asked the waiter to recommend **something small** for our main course. Well, I had a small lamb kebab, and my friend had a small chicken kebab – and **both of them** were really quite large! The meat tasted very good, and the rice and salad with it was just right. We looked at the desserts on the menu – and wanted to try **every one of them** – but we simply couldn't eat any more! And all this, with Turkish coffee at the end, was less than £25.00. I'd really recommend the Sultan's Palace – it's friendly and inexpensive, and I'm certain that **anything** on the menu will be just perfect!

The Sultan's Palace



- 2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

- 1 There's an excellent French restaurant at *the top of the road / the road's top*. ➤ Unit 6
- 2 Keith is going on holiday in the summer with a cousin of *him / his*. ➤ Unit 7
- 3 I love most cakes but I really don't like cream *one / ones*. ➤ Unit 8
- 4 The boys fell over while they were playing football and hurt *them / themselves*. ➤ Unit 9
- 5 The desserts were very expensive but all *them / of them* looked really good. ➤ Unit 10
- 6 *Anyone / Anything* can use the tennis courts here – you don't have to join the club. ➤ Unit 11
- 7 I always like *something sweet / sweet something* at the end of a meal. ➤ Unit 11
- 8 Her letter wasn't long because she had *little / a little* time to write it. ➤ Unit 12
- 9 Gerri's got two brothers and both *of them / them* are very good-looking. ➤ Unit 13
- 10 We went to every *of / one of* the physics lectures, but we still don't understand! ➤ Unit 13

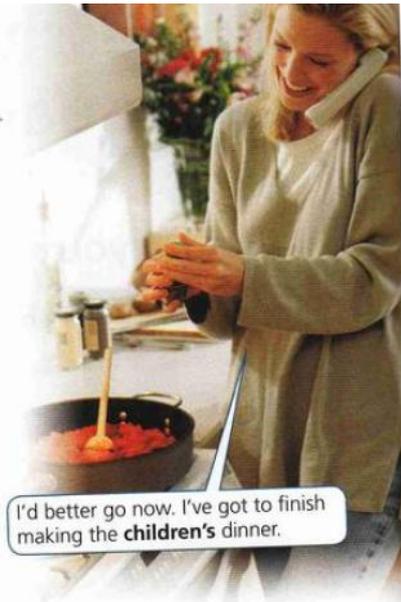
- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 the top of the road 2 his 3 ones 4 themselves 5 of them 6 Anyone 7 something sweet 8 little 9 of them 10 one of

6 Possessive forms of nouns

1 Possessive forms

singular noun	+ 's	Jane's apartment my uncle's job the bus's front lights
names that end in -s	' or 's	James' school OR James's school
plural nouns that end in -s	'	boys' team workers' union
plural noun (irregular)	+ 's	children's dinner people's rights



2 Noun + 's or '

We usually use noun + 's (or ' only) for people and animals: *It's the children's dinner.*
Where are the cats' bowls? *John's wife's dress is lovely.*

If there are two people, we usually only add 's to the second person:
What do you think of Matt and Jane's new house?

We can use noun + 's without another noun

- when the meaning is clear: *'Can I borrow your pen?' 'It's Steve's. Ask him.'*
- for people's homes: *There's a party after the exam at Abbi's.*
- for some businesses and services: *Lester is at the dentist's.*
Can you buy me some chocolate at the newsagent's?

We can add 's / ' to a period of time:

a week's holiday (= a holiday of a week) *six months' travelling* *yesterday's news*

3 of + noun

We usually use *of* + noun for things and places:

Would you like a map of the city? *I don't know the time of the next train.*

With cities, countries and organisations, we can use 's or *of*:

London's parks are very pleasant. / *The parks of London are very pleasant.*

China's economy is growing fast. / *The economy of China is growing fast.*

That needs the World Bank's approval. / *That needs the approval of the World Bank.*

We can use *of* + noun and noun + 's together:

It's the Lord Mayor of London's residence. *She's the Head of Marketing's wife.*

⚠ We don't usually use *of* + noun for people:

✗ *He's the uncle of Joan.* ✓ *He's Joan's uncle.*

We don't usually use noun + 's for things:

✗ *I've broken my shoe's heel.* ✓ *I've broken the heel of my shoe.*

We often leave out *the* in *time of* (the) *day/night/year*, especially in spoken English:
I'm usually working at this time of day.

4 Compound nouns

Some compound nouns describe one person or thing that belongs to another:

table leg (= the leg of the table), *bedroom ceiling* (= the ceiling of the bedroom)

book cover (= the cover of the book), *college principal* (= the principal of the college)

✗ *The bedroom's ceiling needs painting.* ✓ *The bedroom ceiling needs painting.*

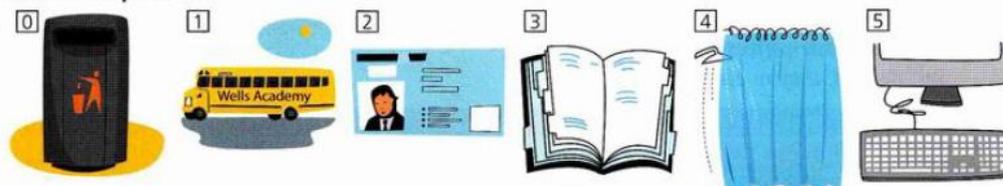
More on compound nouns ➤ Unit 98.1

Practice

1 Write an apostrophe (') in the correct places in each sentence.

- 0 Is Marian's niece a teacher at the boys' school or the girls' school?
- 1 Tess's husband works at Microsoft's head office in California.
- 2 Mark and Sarah's children are staying at their grandparents.
- 3 In the UK, you can usually buy women's perfumes at a chemist's.
- 4 What's the Prime Minister's wife's name? I've forgotten.
- 5 The country's economic situation may lead to a reduction in people's salaries.

2 Match the nouns in Box A and Box B to make compound nouns. Then write the words under the pictures.



rubbish bin

A address computer identity
rubbish school shower

B ~~bin~~ book bus card
curtain keyboard

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics>. In one place, both answers are possible. 2.12 Listen and check.*

Review: Garlic and Shots Restaurant

It was (0) *the end of a working week* / *a working week's end* and several of us decided we wanted a good night out. So, John, Lou, Charles, (1) *Charles'* / *Charles's* cousin and I got into (2) *the car of Lou* / *Lou's car* and went to (3) *London Soho district* / *London's Soho district* looking for an unusual restaurant. We found one. Garlic and Shots is a really interesting place to eat. Clearly, (4) *the idea of the restaurant* / *the restaurant's idea* is that all of the food contains garlic, and I mean **all** of the food! You can get garlic bread, garlic pasta, garlic drinks and even garlic ice cream! The (5) *food's variety* / *variety of the food* is amazing, but of course you have to be a (6) *garlic lover* / *garlic's lover*. We all had two courses, drinks and coffee (garlic coffee of course) and the (7) *bill's size* / *size of the bill* wasn't bad for central London.



4 Use the nouns in brackets to complete each sentence with 's, ' or of + noun. In one sentence, two answers are possible. 2.13 Listen and check.

- 0 We can have the barbecue in *Anne's garden* – it's the biggest. (Anne + garden)
- 1 I can probably do work experience in after university. (Nick + father + business)
- 2 We have to provide every year by law. (four weeks + holiday)
- 3 I read an interesting magazine in the (doctor + waiting room)
- 4 We're collecting money so that the can stay open. (children + hospital)
- 5 It's the to provide homes for the homeless. (government + job)
- 6 Who's that at the door at this? (time + night)

Answers

UNIT 6

- 1** 1 Tess's husband works at Microsoft's head office in California.
2 Mark and Sarah's children are staying at their grandparents'.
3 In the UK, you can usually buy women's perfumes at a chemist's.
4 What's the Prime Minister's wife's name? I've forgotten.
5 The country's economic situation may lead to a reduction in people's salaries.
- 2** 1 school bus 2 identity card 3 address book
4 shower curtain 5 computer keyboard
- 3** 1 Charles' or Charles's 2 Lou's car 3 London's Soho district 4 the idea of the restaurant
5 variety of the food 6 garlic lover 7 size of the bill
- 4** 1 Nick's father's business 2 four weeks' holiday
- 3 doctor's waiting room 4 children's hospital
5 job of the government/government's job
6 time of (the) night