

What is a "Possessive"?

A "case" indicating that one noun possesses another noun.*

English generally adds an **apostrophe + s**

The cat's expression is inscrutable.



Or a **possessive pronoun**

His camera looks expensive.



The word "of" can also be used

Do you have the queen of hearts?

In Danish, there is a possessive 's' without an apostrophe

(The only time the apostrophe is used is when the word ends in 's')

Der er Charlotte's briller.
There are Charlotte's glasses.



Nej, de er Lars' briller!
No, they are Lars' glasses!

There are possessive pronouns, too.

Hans hus er lille.
His house is little.



Finally, there is also an 'of' form: 'af'

(the 'f' is not pronounced)

Dronningen af Danmark.
The Queen of Denmark.



Danish uses the 's' form more frequently than the 'of' form.

For example: "The shadow of the valley of death" is

dødsskyggensdal
death's shadow's valley



*Possessives have their own case, called "genitive."