

LESSON -20

Possessive / Genitive markers part 1

Objectives :

- In Kannada. Possessive forms are marked by the suffix **-a** (ಅ) This marker shows possession, similar to how we use 's or "of" in English. However, there are certain internal changes that occur when the possessive marker is added to the nouns, pronouns, numbers etc.
- In Kannada words end with different vowel sounds, when the possessive marker **-a** (ಅ) is added internal changes occur.
- This construction can be seen as the equivalent of the English apostrophe + 's or the preposition "of."

Grammar Notes

In this lesson Possessive forms with internal changes are introduced. Possessive marker is **-a** (ಅ) When the possessive marker **-a** (ಅ) is added, internal changes take place.

1. Human nouns ending with **-a**, **-a** when added with possessive marker it takes **-n** - as an addition. This indicates apostrophe 's of English or preposition "of"

ಮಗ + ಅ = ಮಗನ

maga	+	a	=	magana	'of son' /son's
raama	+	a	=	ramana	'of Rama'/ rama's
kamala	+	a	=	kamalana / kamalala	'of Kamala'/ kamala's
usha	+	a	=	ushana/ ushala	'of usha'/ usha's
akka	+	a	=	akkana	'of elder sister'/ sister's
aNNa	+	a	=	aNNana	'of elder brother' brother's

2. Whenever possessive **-a** is added to nouns ending with **-i** /- **e**, whether human or non-human, it takes **-y** - as an addition

ರವಿ + ಅ = ರವಿಯ

ravi + a= raviya	'of Ravi/ Ravi's'
tande + a = tandeya	'of father' /father's
tangi+ a = tangiya	of younger sister/ younger sister's
naayi +a= naayiya	of dog/ dog's
mane+a = maneya	of the house / house's

Now add **-a** to the following :

sose 'daughter in law'	huli 'tiger'
kathe 'story'	kiTaki 'window'
henDati 'wife'	kurci 'chair'
naayi 'dog'	taayi 'mother'

3. When **-a** is added to **-u** ending neuter, nouns, final **-u** drops and **-in** - is added before possessive. Borrowed words also take **-in**-

ಕಾಲೇಜು + ಅ = ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ

kaaleeju + a	= kaaleejina	'of college'
kaaDu + a	= kaaDina	'of forest'
klaasu + a	= klaasina	'of class'

Add **-a** to the following nouns

uuru 'native place'	haavu 'snake'
bassu 'bus'	pennu 'pen'
haalu 'milk'	hengasu 'women'

maisuuu ‘mysore’

tamilu naaDu ‘Tamilu Nadu’
