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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or being the grammatical case expressing possession, measurement, or source.
2. Of or relating to an affix or construction, such as a prepositional phrase, characteristic of the genitive case.

n.

1. The genitive case.
2. A word or form in the genitive case.

[Middle English *genetif*, from Latin *genetivus*, from *genitus*, past participle of *gignere*, to beget; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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