

WHOSE WHAT?

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In the English language, there are a great many common expressions that are built on the formula whose what, that is, a possessive noun plus a noun. To discover just how many of these little phrases have become established, try filling in the blanks below. Answers appear at the end of this issue.

The first section involves animals. Supply the noun that follows each zoological possessive. Example: rabbit's foot.

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| 1. a bird's --- | 8. scarce as hens' --- |
| 2. bulls --- | 9. a hornets' --- |
| 3. (the) cat's --- | 10. the lion's --- |
| 4. in a coon's --- | 11. a monkey's --- |
| 5. crow's --- | 12. in a pig's --- |
| 6. a dog's --- | 13. at a snail's --- |
| 7. frog's --- | |

For the next grouping, again supply the noun that follows each possessive. Example: no man's land.

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| 14. America's --- | 38. God's --- |
| 15. angels' --- | 39. a hair's --- |
| 16. at arm's --- | 40. heart's --- |
| 17. athlete's --- | 41. for heaven's --- |
| 18. baby's --- | 42. Hell's --- |
| 19. a baker's --- | 43. housemaid's --- |
| 20. beginner's --- | 44. idiot's --- |
| 21. blind man's --- | 45. Jehovah's --- |
| 22. the bum's --- | 46. a king's --- |
| 23. business man's --- | 47. the Lord's --- |
| 24. busman's --- | 48. lovers' --- |
| 25. cheater's --- | 49. the mind's --- |
| 26. chef's --- | 50. mother's --- |
| 27. child's --- | 51. painter's --- |
| 28. citizen's --- | 52. the razor's --- |
| 29. collector's --- | 53. rogues' --- |
| 30. all in a day's --- | 54. runner's --- |
| 31. dead man's --- | 55. scout's --- |
| 32. devil's --- | 56. wolf in sheep's --- |
| 33. your father's --- | 57. shepherd's --- |
| 34. finder's --- | 58. a stone's --- |
| 35. fireman's --- | 59. teacher's --- |
| 36. fool's --- | 60. widow's --- |
| 37. gentlemen's --- | 61. at wit's --- |

62. woman's ---
63. workmen's ---

64. writer's ---
65. a young man's ---

Each item in the next cluster starts with a person's name. For each blank, supply the proper noun that precedes each given noun. Example: Halley's Comet.

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| 66. ---'s Almanack | 84. ---'s Law |
| 67. ---'s apple (or rib) | 85. ---'s Locker |
| 68. ---'s ark | 86. ---'s Monster |
| 69. ---'s Belt | 87. ---'s Mother |
| 70. ---'s bosom | 88. ---'s Needle |
| 71. ---'s box | 89. ---'s Number |
| 72. ---'s choice | 90. ---'s Paradox |
| 73. ---'s cow | 91. ---'s Principle |
| 74. ---'s Dance | 92. ---'s Razor |
| 75. ---'s Disease | 93. ---'s Readers |
| 76. ---'s fire | 94. ---'s Revenge |
| 77. ---'s Follies | 95. ---'s ride |
| 78. ---'s Folly | 96. ---'s Rules of Order |
| 79. ---'s heel (or tendon) | 97. ---'s Syndrome |
| 80. ---'s helpers (or reindeer) | 98. ---'s Theory of Relativity |
| 81. ---'s lace | 99. ---'s Thesaurus |
| 82. ---'s ladder | 100. ---'s tour |
| 83. ---'s Last Stand | |

Finally, a bonus section for book lovers. The titles of various works of literature also adhere to the pattern whose what. For the last set of blanks, fill in the name that kicks off each literary title. Example: Gray's Elegy.

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| 101. --- Adventures in Wonderland | 106. --- Complaint |
| 102. --- Baby | 107. --- Last Tape |
| 103. --- --- Body | 108. --- Travels |
| 104. --- --- Cabin | 109. --- Wake |
| 105. --- Choice | 110. --- Web |