Russian Cases [Genitive]

[!] The genitive is the **second** of the six cases.
[!] The genitive answers the questions **кого**? and **чего**?
More clearly, its **role** is to indicate **possession** in a sentence.
[!] Understanding the genitive is key to understanding the other cases.

Forming this case is nothing too difficult.
The genitive plural, on the other hand, is far more difficult!

Masculine

consonant + ***а***	**студ<u>е</u>нт = студ<u>е</u>нта**
-й becomes **-я**	**ма<u>й</u> = ма<u>я</u>**
-ь becomes **-я**	**дожд<u>ь</u> = дожд<u>я</u>**

Б<u>ы</u>ло п<u>е</u>рвое м<u>а</u>я, но на земл<u>е</u> ещё леж<u>а</u>л снег.
It was the first of May, but there was still snow on the ground.

Feminine

-а becomes **-ы**	**голов<u>а</u> = голов<u>ы</u>**
-я becomes **-и**	**нед<u>е</u>л<u>я</u> = нед<u>е</u>л<u>и</u>**
-ь becomes **-и**	**постел<u>ь</u> = постел<u>и</u>**

У нас б<u>у</u>дет собр<u>а</u>ние в нач<u>а</u>ле нед<u>е</u>ли.
We will have a meeting at the beginning of the week.

Neuter

-е becomes **-я**	**м<u>о</u>р<u>е</u> = м<u>о</u>р<u>я</u>**
-о becomes **-а**	**<u>о</u>зер<u>о</u> = <u>о</u>зер<u>а</u>**

Я бы хот<u>е</u>л куп<u>и</u>ть себ<u>е</u> дом у м<u>о</u>ря.
I would like to buy myself a house by the sea.

Neuter nouns in -**мя** have a peculiar declension: **вр<u>е</u>мя** = **вр<u>е</u>мени**.

У нас мн<u>о</u>го дел, а м<u>а</u>ло вр<u>е</u>мени.

We have much to do, yet little time.