

Chapter 4. What Case Should It Be?

For each of the following Modern English sentences, try to decide what the case of the word or noun phrase in **bold type** would be if the sentence were in Old English. For some sentences the answer may not be straightforward: it is more important to be able to articulate the reasons for your choice than to choose correctly. Example:

nom. I am the king.

1. _____ Twelve of our crew were **dead** by immoderate labour and ill food.
2. _____ The **Empire** of Blefuscu is an island situated to the north-north-east side of Lilliput.
3. _____ I had **his Majesty's** permission to step over this wall.
4. _____ Yet I am of opinion this defect ariseth chiefly from a **perverse, restive disposition**.
5. _____ They preserve **decency and civility** in the highest degrees.
6. _____ The **Maids** of Honour often invited Glumdalclitch to their apartments.
7. _____ And, after all, I found their **natural smell** was much more supportable than when they used perfumes.
8. _____ I stayed but two months with my **wife and family**.
9. _____ The sentence of putting out your **eyes** was entered on the books.
10. _____ I was often tempted to seize forty or fifty of the first that came in my **reach**, and dash them against the ground.
11. _____ He often builds his largest men of war in **the woods** where the timber grows.
12. _____ The physicians, by the Emperor's order, had mingled a sleepy potion in **the hogsheads of wine**.
13. _____ As treason begins in the heart, before it appears in **overt acts**, so he accused you as a traitor on that account.
14. _____ In less than three hours, I was raised and slung into **the engine**, and there tied fast.
15. _____ With a violent pull, which gave **me** excessive pain, I a little loosened the strings.
16. _____ I own she came often to my house, but always publicly, nor ever without three more in the coach, who were usually **her** sister and young daughter.
17. _____ I came up with **her** between five and six in the evening.
18. _____ He hoped, as he told **me**, that the knowledge of our conduct might be useful to him.
19. _____ he was pleased to direct his own mare to take all opportunities of instructing me, and **every day** for two or three hours he was at the same pains himself.
20. _____ I let my shirt down to my waist, and drew up the bottom, fastening it like **a girdle** about my middle to hide my nakedness.
21. _____ Although I had deprived **him** of his fleet, yet he owed great obligations to me for many good offices I had done him in making the peace.
22. _____ He had the character of **a great miser**, and to my misfortune he well deserved it.
23. _____ Every night when the family were gone to bed it was my **custom** to strip and cover myself with my clothes.
24. _____ He brought me into all company, and made **them** treat me with civility.
25. _____ One of them, who seemed to be a person of quality, made **me** a long speech, whereof I understood not one syllable.
26. _____ I then made **another sign** that I wanted drink.
27. _____ However, the King treated **him** with tenderness, as a well-meaning man, but of a low

contemptible understanding.