

# THE baker's barber's bookmaker's

The use of 's at the end of phrases like "the chemist's," "the dentist's," and "the barber's" is a shortened form of the possessive case. It indicates that the establishment belongs to or is associated with the person mentioned. For example, "the chemist's" means "the chemist's shop", "the dentist's" means "the dentist's office", and "the barber's" means "the barber's shop".

This shortened form is common in British English, especially when referring to stores, offices, or other establishments associated with a particular person or profession.

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<b>The baker's :</b> a place where bread and cakes are sold and sometimes made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not far from the church, between the baker's and the grocer's, was a chemist's.</li> </ul>
<b>The barber's :</b> a shop where a barber works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dad goes to the barber's once a month.</li> </ul>
<b>The bookmaker's :</b> (informal the bookie's) : a place where bookmakers work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He went down to the bookmaker's in Chesterton Road to place a bet on the race.</li> </ul>
<b>The butcher's :</b> a shop where meat is prepared and sold :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I went to the butcher's but was told there was no meat.</li> </ul>
<b>The chemist's :</b> a shop where you can buy medicines, make-up, and sometimes other things such as chocolate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm just going to the chemist's for some aspirin.</li> </ul>
<b>The dentist's :</b> the place where a dentist carries out their job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll never guess who I bumped into at the dentist's.</li> </ul>
<b>The doctor's :</b> the place where a doctor works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He went to the doctor's this morning for a check-up.</li> </ul>
<b>The fishmonger's :</b> a shop that sells fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'll stop at the fishmonger's on my way home from work.</li> </ul>
<b>The florist's :</b> a shop that sells cut flowers and plants for inside the house:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'll meet you outside the florist's.</li> </ul>
<b>The greengrocer's :</b> a shop in which fresh vegetables and fruit are sold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He's gone to the greengrocer's for courgette and aubergine.</li> </ul>
<b>The grocer's :</b> the shop where a grocer works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I stopped at the grocer's on the way home from work to get some cheese.</li> </ul>
<b>The hairdresser's :</b> a shop where a hairdresser works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I've got a four o'clock appointment at the hairdresser's.</li> </ul>
<b>The ironmonger's</b> (also hardware shop) : a shop that sells tools and equipment for the house and garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We ordered the tools from the ironmonger's in the city centre.</li> </ul>
<b>The jeweller's :</b> a shop that sells jewellery and watches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I've left my watch at the jeweller's to be mended.</li> </ul>
<b>The newsagent's</b> (also paper shop) : a shop that sells newspapers, magazines, sweets, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'll go to the newsagent's on my way home.</li> </ul>
<b>The optician's :</b> the place where an optician carries out their job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I went to the optician's to have my eyes checked.</li> </ul>
<b>The stationer's :</b> a shop that sells stationery, i.e. the thing needed for writing, such as paper, pens, pencils, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll be able to get a tube of glue at the stationer's down the road.</li> </ul>
<b>The travels agent's :</b> a shop where you can go to arrange a holiday, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He works in the travel agent's on the corner.</li> </ul>
<b>The tobacconist's :</b> a shop that sells cigarettes, tobacco, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run down to the tobacconist and buy some cigarettes for me, please.</li> </ul>