

Rules for the Gender of Nouns (der, die oder das?)

<i>Masculine Nouns</i>	
Nouns with the ending	
-er (professions, people, machines & tools)	e.g. <i>Techniker, Winkelmesser, Fahrer</i>
-ent, -ant, -ist, -ling	e.g. <i>Patient, Student, Informant, Musikant, Komponist, Optimist, Liebling</i>
-ig	e.g. <i>König, Honig</i>
-e (app. 20%)	e.g. <i>Löwe, Affe</i>
<i>Feminine Nouns</i>	
Nouns with the ending	
-e (app. 80%)	e.g. <i>Reise, Tasche</i>
-heit, -keit, -ung	e.g. <i>Schönheit, Kindheit, Meinung, Bildung, Bitterkeit, Korrekturflüssigkeit</i>
-ion	e.g. <i>Organisation, Lektion</i>
-in	e.g. <i>Freundin, Lehrerin</i>
-ik, -ur	e.g. <i>Romantik, Musik, Literatur, Reparatur</i>
<i>Neuter Nouns</i>	
Nouns with the ending	
-chen, -lein	e.g. <i>Mädchen, Fräulein, Tischlein</i>
-um	e.g. <i>Studium, Datum, Album</i>
-ment (lat.)	e.g. <i>Experiment, Dokument</i>
-ment (fr.)	e.g. <i>Appartement, Engagement</i>

Rules for Formation of Plural

Plural Ending	Trends/Rules	Umlaut?
-e	<p>app. 89% of masculine nouns e.g. <i>Sohn / Söhne</i> <i>Tisch / Tische</i> <i>Bart / Bärte</i></p> <p>app. 74% of neuter nouns e.g. <i>Bein / Beine</i> <i>Brot / Brote</i> <i>Stück / Stücke</i></p>	<p>mostly with Umlaut</p> <p>mostly without Umlaut</p>
-Ø	<p>Masculine nouns und neuter nouns with the endings -er, -en, -chen, -lein</p> <p>e.g. <i>Vater / Väter</i> <i>Wagen / Wagen</i> <i>Mädchen / Mädchen</i> <i>Fräulein / Fräulein</i></p>	<p>for masculine nouns: mostly with Umlaut</p> <p>for neuter nouns: mostly without Umlaut</p>
-(e)n	<p>app. 73% of feminine nouns e.g. <i>Frau / Frauen</i> <i>Reise / Reisen</i> <i>Meinung / Meinungen</i></p> <p>Masculine nouns with ending -e e.g. <i>Löwe / Löwen</i> <i>Affe / Affen</i></p>	<p>without Umlaut</p>
-er	<p>app. 2% of masculine nouns e.g. <i>Mann / Männer</i> <i>Gott / Götter</i></p> <p>app. 21% of neuter nouns e.g. <i>Haus / Häuser</i> <i>Buch / Bücher</i> <i>Kind / Kinder</i></p>	<p>always with Umlaut</p>
-s	<p>Some nouns borrowed from English e.g. <i>Park / Parks</i> <i>Auto / Autos</i></p>	<p>without Umlaut</p>