

Noun Genders

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Conventional Classification Chart

Conventional Definite Articles (Der, Die, Das) Chart				
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
nominative	der	die	das	die
accusative	den	die	das	die
dative	dem	der	dem	den
genitive	des	der	des	der

Noun Groups

Masculine (der):

animals *der Bock (billy goat), der Hahn (rooster), der Stier (bull), der Eber (boar)*

male persons *der Mann (man), der Vater (father), der Arzt (doctor), der Italiener (italian man)*

days of the week, months of the year *der Sonntag (Sunday), der Januar (January), der Winter, der Monat (month), der Abend (evening)*

Common exceptions:

das Jahr (year), die Nacht (night), die Woche (week)

seasons, and most weather elements *der Taifun (typhoon), der Wind, der Frost, der Nebel (fog)*

Common exceptions:

die Sonne (sun), die Wolke (cloud), die Brise (breeze), das Eis (ice), das Gewitter (thunderstorm), die Graupel (hail), das Wetter (weather), die Witterung (atmospheric conditions)

car makers *der BMW, der Skoda, der Ford, der Ferrari, der Audi, der VW, der Mercedes*

monetary units (currency) *der Dollar, der Euro, der Cent, der Schilling, der Pfennig, der Franken*

Common exceptions:

die Mark (former German currency), das Pfund (British pound), die Krone (Danish currency)

non German river names *der Ganges, der Mississippi, der Nil, der Delaware, der Jordan, der Kongo*

Common exceptions:

non-German rivers ending in -a or -e, e.g.: *die Seine, die Themse (Thames), die Wolga*

rocks and minerals *der Diamant, der Granit, der Lehm (clay), der Quarz, der Ton (cement)*

Common exceptions:

das Erz (ore), die Kohle (coal), die Kreide (chalk), das Mineral (mineral)

mountains and mountain ranges *der Mount Everest, der Montblanc, der Himalaja, der Taunus, der Balkan*

Common exceptions:

die Eifel, die Haardt, die Rhön, die Sierra Nevada, and mountains / mountain ranges that are actually compound nouns (compound nouns take the gender of the final noun): das Erzgebirge, das Matterhorn, die Zugspitze

alcoholic and plantbased drinks *der Gin, der Schnaps, der Wein (wine),
der Kakao (cocoa), der Saft (juice)*

Common exception:

das Bier (beer)

Directions *der Norden (north), der Osten (east), der Süden (south), der
Westen (west)*

Outer Space *der Mond (moon), der Stern (star), der Merkur (Mercury), der
Mars, der Jupiter, der Saturn, der Uranus, der Pluto*

Common Exceptions:

die Sonne (sun), die Venus, die Erde (Earth)

Feminine (die):

Female persons and animals
Rivers within Germany, Austria, Switzerland
Airplanes, motorcycles, ships
Numbers used as nouns
Trees, fruits, and flowers
Nouns formed from measurement or size adjectives

Neuter (das):

Young persons and baby animals
metals and chemical elements
names of continents, cities, provinces, and most countries
scientific units & measurements
letters of the alphabet and music notes
hotels, cafes, restaurants, and movie theaters
other parts of speech used as nouns (gerunds, colors, languages, English -ing
forms).

Noun Endings