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Grammatical gender

The grammatical gender of German nouns can in many cases be **guessed (with varying accuracy)**.

Suffixes and prefixes denoting grammatical gender

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grammatical gender     | masculine | feminine | neuter
_____|_____|_____|_____
corresponding article  | der       | die      | das
_____|_____|_____|_____
suffixes               | -ling     | -in      | -tum
                       |           | -heit    | -nis
                       |           | -keit    | -chen
                       |           | -schaft  | -lein
                       |           | -ung     | -sel
_____|_____|_____|_____
suffixes of Latin or   |           |          |
Greek origin           | -ant      | -ion     | -ment
                       | -ist      | -tät     | -ium
                       | -ismus    | -ie      |
                       |           | -enz     |
_____|_____|_____|_____
prefixes               |           |          | Ge-
                       |           |          |
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Examples

masculine:

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Frühling "spring"            from          früh "early"

Denunziant "denunciator"     compare       denunciante
Sozialist "socialist"        compare       socialista
Sozialismus "socialism"      compare       socialismo
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feminine:

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Herrin "mistress"            from          Herr "master"
Schönheit "beauty"           from          schön "beautiful"
Ehrlichkeit "honesty"        from          ehrlich "honest"
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    Knechtschaft "servitude"        from            Knecht "slave"
    Schreibung "spelling"           from            schreiben "to write"

    Faszination "fascination"       compare         fascinação
    Majestät "majesty"              compare         majestade
    Phantasie "fantasy"             compare         fantasia
    Präsenz "presence"              compare         presença
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neuter:

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    Brauchtum "all the customs"     from            Brauch "a custom"
    Zeugnis "testimony, certificate" from           zeugen "to testify"
    Hündchen "little dog"           from            Hund "dog"
    Kindlein "little child"         from            Kind "child"
    Rätsel "riddle"                 from            raten "to guess"

    Firmament "firmament"           compare         firmamento
    Mysterium "mystery"             compare         mistério

    Gerede "gossip"                 from            reden "to talk"
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Suffixes denoting grammatical gender depending on the meaning of the word

grammatical gender	masculine	feminine	neuter
corresponding article	der	die	das
suffixes with meaning	-er (someone who does something, e.g. Bäcker "baker", or someone who is from some place, e.g. Berliner "man from Berlin")	-e (abstractions, e.g. Liebe "love")	-en (nominalized infinitives, e.g. Backen "baking")
		-t (abstractions, e.g. Flucht "escape")	
		-ei (locations, e.g.	

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            |                     | Bäckerei "place     |
            |                     | where people bake") |
            |_____|_____|_____
            |                     | -lei                |
            |                     | (abstractions, e.g. |
            |                     | Schmeichelei        |
            |                     | "flattery")         |
            |                     |                     |
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Grammatical gender being associated with categories

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grammatical |                     |                     |
gender      | masculine           | feminine            | neuter
_____|_____|_____|_____
categories  | male persons        | female persons      | animal children
            | male animals        | female animals      | fractions
            | big/dangerous animals | small/harmless animals |
            |                     | names of birds      |
            |                     | names of trees      |
            |                     | names of German rivers |
            |                     |                     |
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Examples

masculine:

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Mann "man"
Stier "bull"
Wal "whale"
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feminine:

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Frau "woman"
Kuh "cow"
Maus "mouse"
Amsel "blackbird"
Birke "birch"
Donau "Danube"
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neuter:

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Fohlen "foal"
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   Drittel "a third"
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