

German

Discussing film and TV [2 / 3]

Forming plurals of nouns

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Lösung
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französisch



schön

mögen
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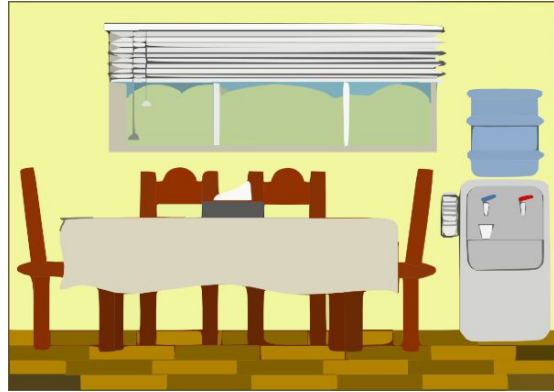
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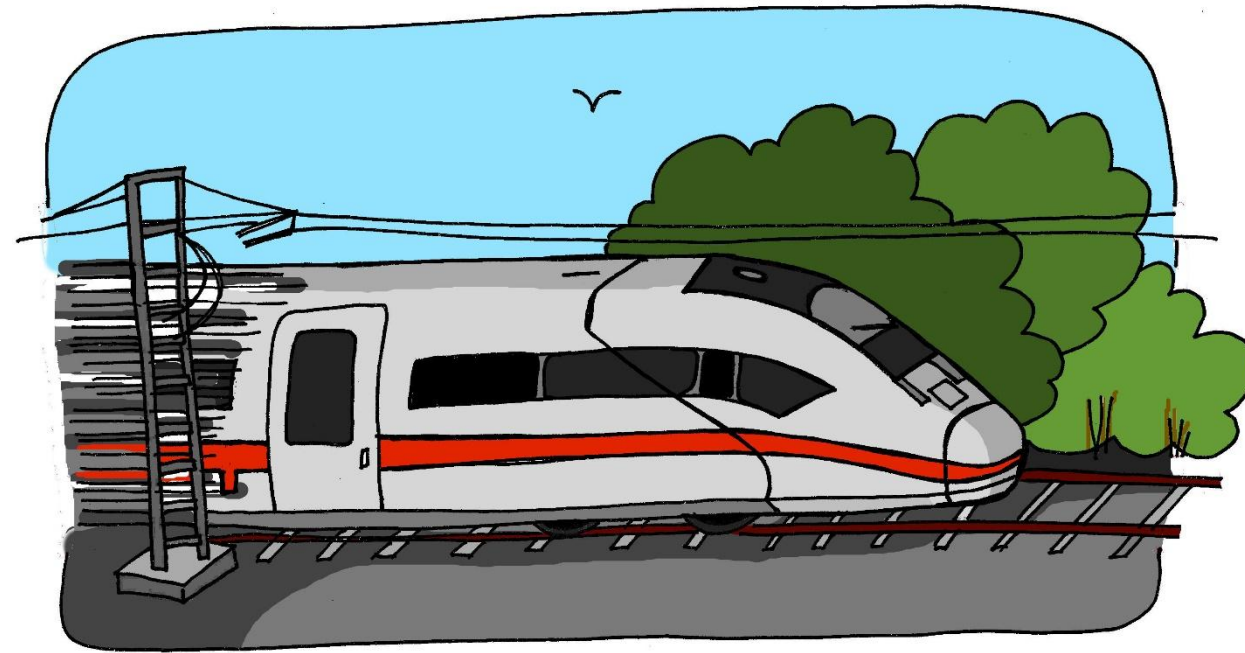
Zimmer



[z]

zehn
10

Ärztin



Zug

sitzen



Platz



die Sendung	programme
die Serie	series
der Actionfilm	action movie
der Krimi	detective/crime film
der Thriller	thriller
der Zeichentrickfilm	cartoon
der Fantasyfilm	fantasy film
der Horrorfilm	horror film
<i>blöd</i>	<i>silly</i>
<i>beeindruckend</i>	<i>impressive</i>



Forming plurals of nouns

In German there are several ways to make plural forms of nouns.

Most masculine and neuter words **either**:

1. add **-e** to the end

90% of
masculine
plurals work
like this.



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der Tisch



die Tische



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or

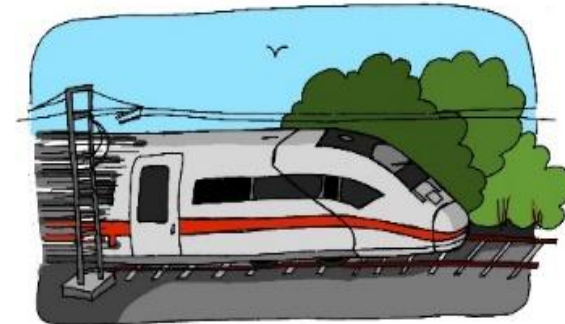
2. add **-e** to the end + **an umlaut** on the vowel.



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der Zug



die Züge



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3. Some masculine and neuter nouns also add **-er** to the end + **an umlaut** on the vowel.

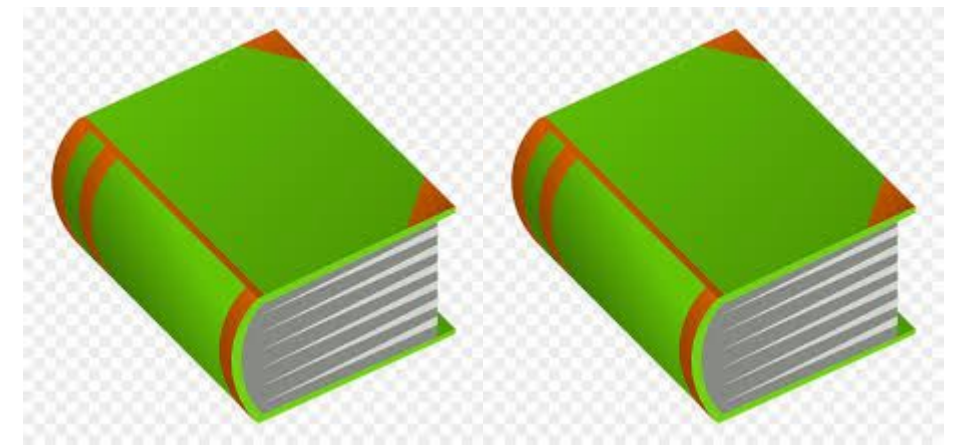


der Mann

die M**ä**nn**er**



das Buch



die B**ü**ch**er**

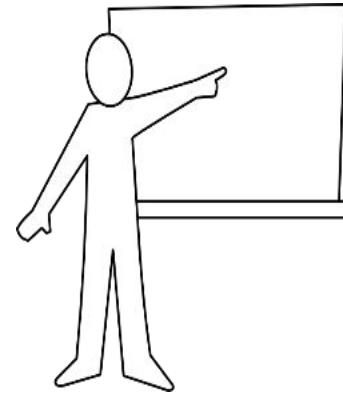


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Words ending in **-el** or **-en** or **-er** are often **the same** in the plural:



der Engel



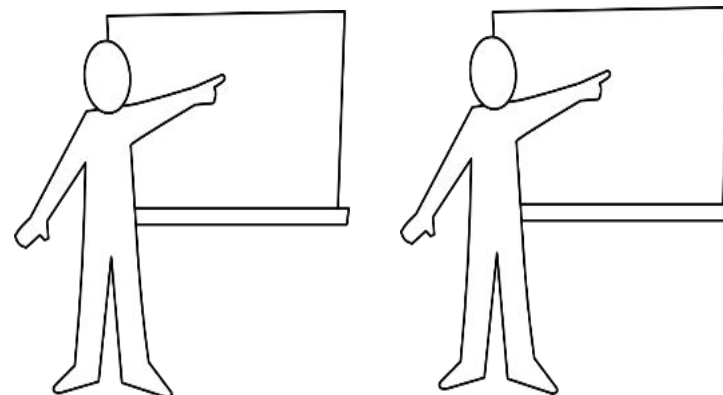
der Lehrer



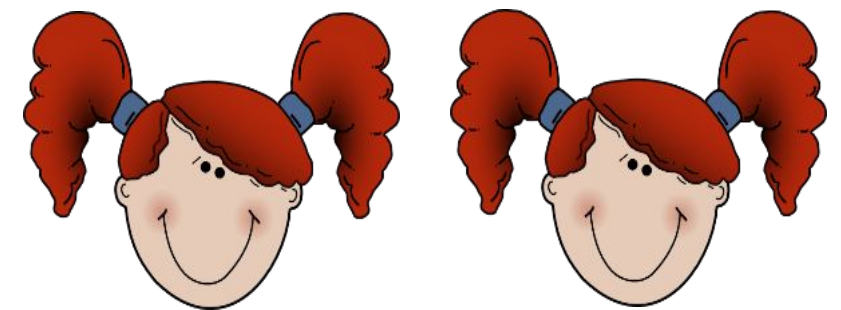
das Mädchen



die Engel



die Lehrer



die Mädchen



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Feminine nouns:

add **-n** or **-en** to the end



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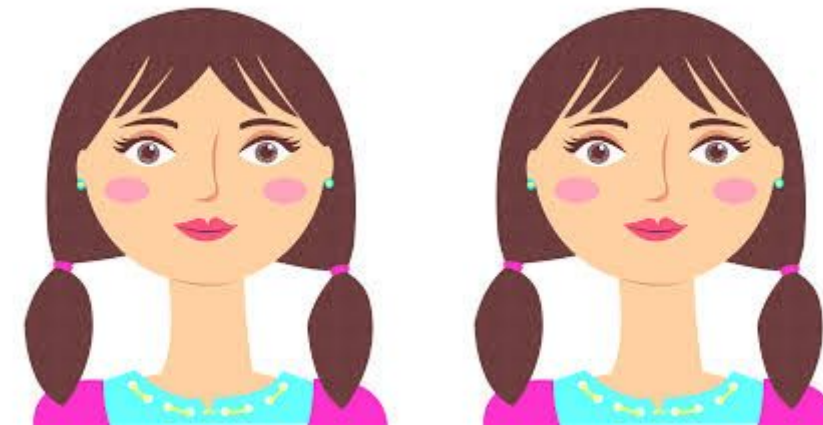
die Gitarre



die Gitarren



die Frau



die Frauen



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Nouns borrowed from English or another language add an **-s**



die DVD



die DVD**s**

Note that the word for **'the'** is **'die'** for ALL plural nouns!



Summary of our learning

Most masculine and neuter nouns add an **-e** to the end, eg. (action films) _____ or add an **-e** **and an umlaut** on the vowel.

Some masculine and neuter nouns also add **-er** to the end **+ an umlaut** on the vowel.

Words ending in **-el** or **-en** or **-er** are often **the same** in the plural, eg. (thrillers) _____.

Feminine nouns add **-n** or **-en** to the end, eg. (series) _____ and (programmes) _____.

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