

German

Saying what things are [2/ 2]

-Singular definite articles

-Sein in the 3rd person singular

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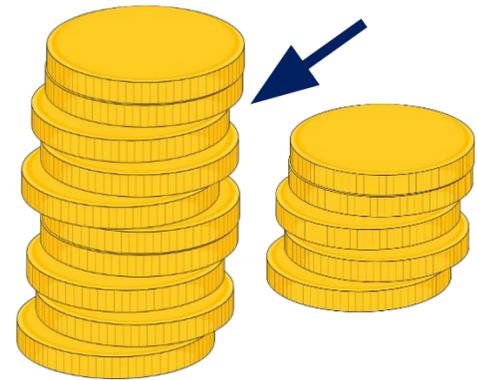
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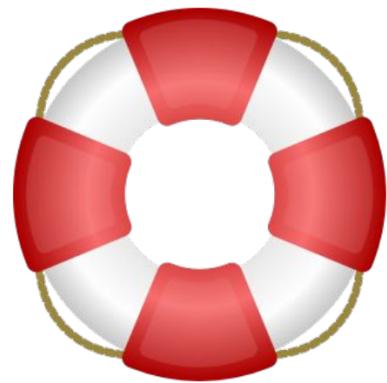
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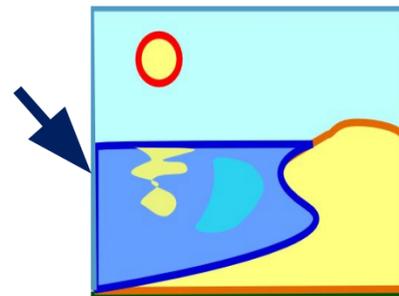


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Idee



der Tisch	the table
der Kuli	the pen
der Mann	the man
der Tag	the day
die Flasche	the bottle
die Klasse	the class
die Tafel	the board
das Paar	the pair
das Heft	the exercise book
das Fenster	the window



der, die, das

German has 3 words for **the**:

Masculine

der Tisch

Feminine

die Flasche

Neuter

das Fenster

This is a bit tricky because English only has one.

Every noun in German has a gender. You will need to learn these when you learn new vocabulary and practise them when you practise the nouns.



Definite articles in the nominative

German has three words for the: der, die and das.

Let's look at our vocabulary for this lesson and recall which gender the words are.

masculine

der Tisch
der Kuli
der Mann
der Tag

feminine

die Flasche
die Klasse
die Tafel

neuter

das Paar
das Heft
das Fenster



The verb sein

- The verb sein means to be
- It is an irregular verb. This means it doesn't follow the normal verb pattern.
- We are going to look at the 3rd person singular form. In English this would be is.

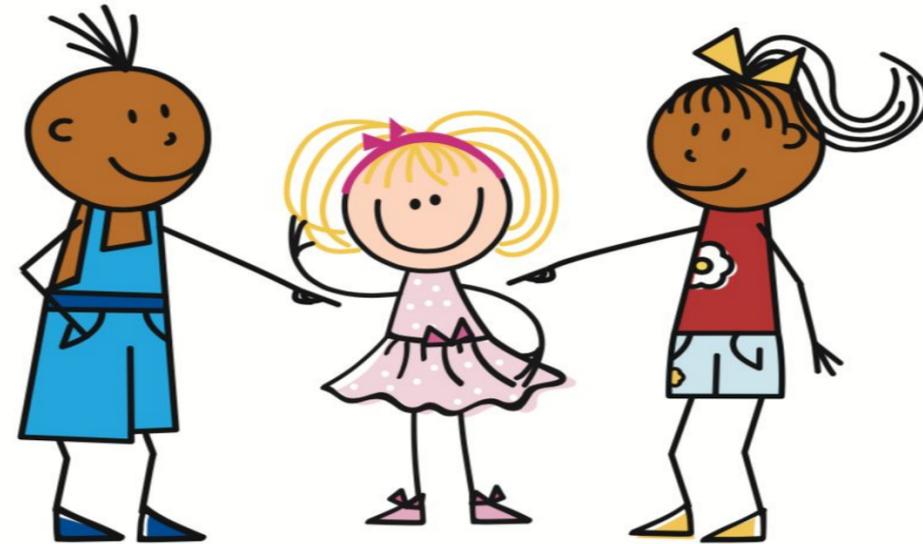
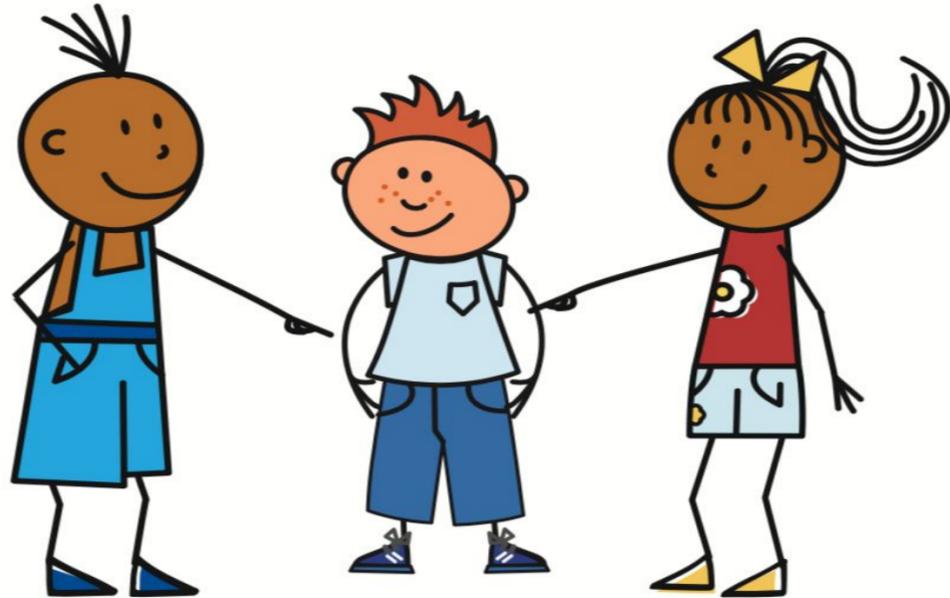


Sein in the 3rd person

This is what the verb looks like for he and she in German.

Er ist-he is

Sie ist-she is



Using sein with other words

We are going to focus on some other words you can use “ist” with to say what something is.

Was?
-What?

Das-
That



Using ist with Was and Das

Here are some sentences to show you how we can use “ist” with these words. Can you work out what they mean?

Was ist das?

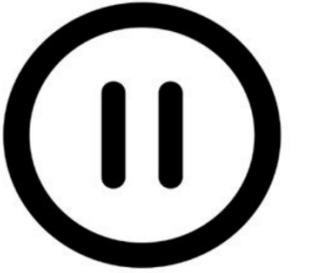
Das ist ...

What is that?

That is ...



Singular definite articles and sein in the 3rd person singular:



1 Der, die and das all mean the.

2 They are all called definite articles.

3 Sein is an irregular verb.

4 ist comes from the verb sein .

5 The word das in the sentence das ist or the question was ist das means that.



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