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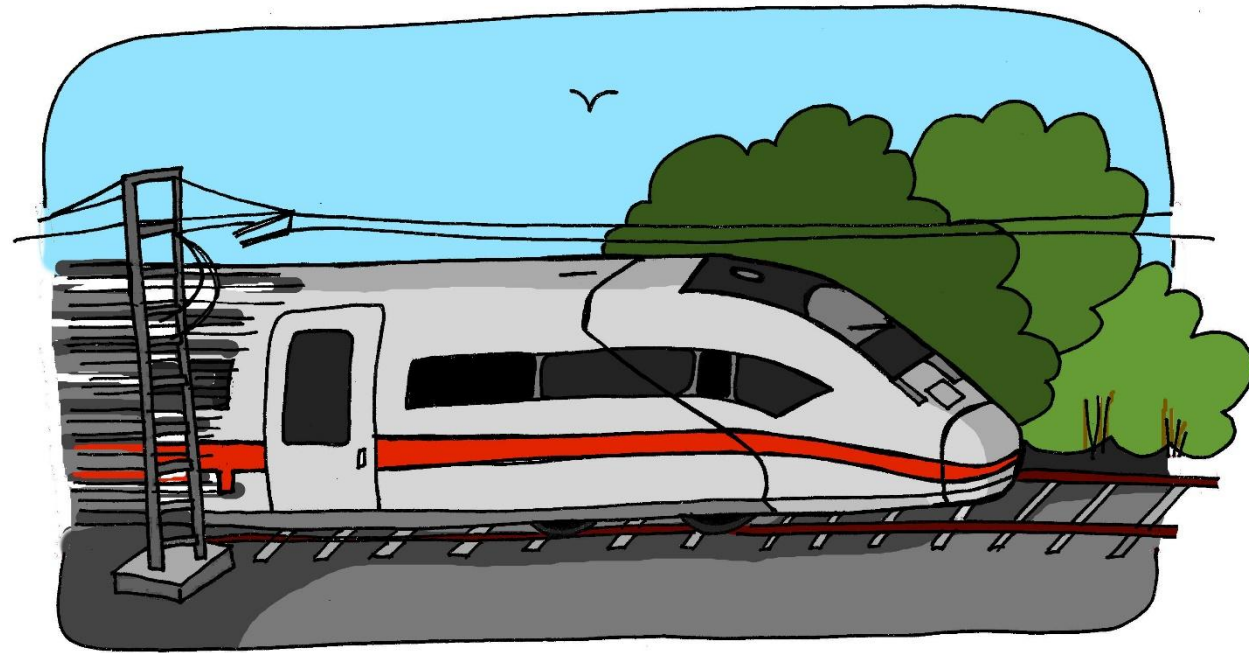
Forming plurals of nouns

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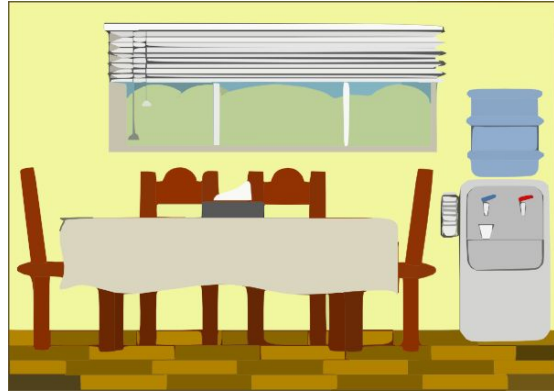
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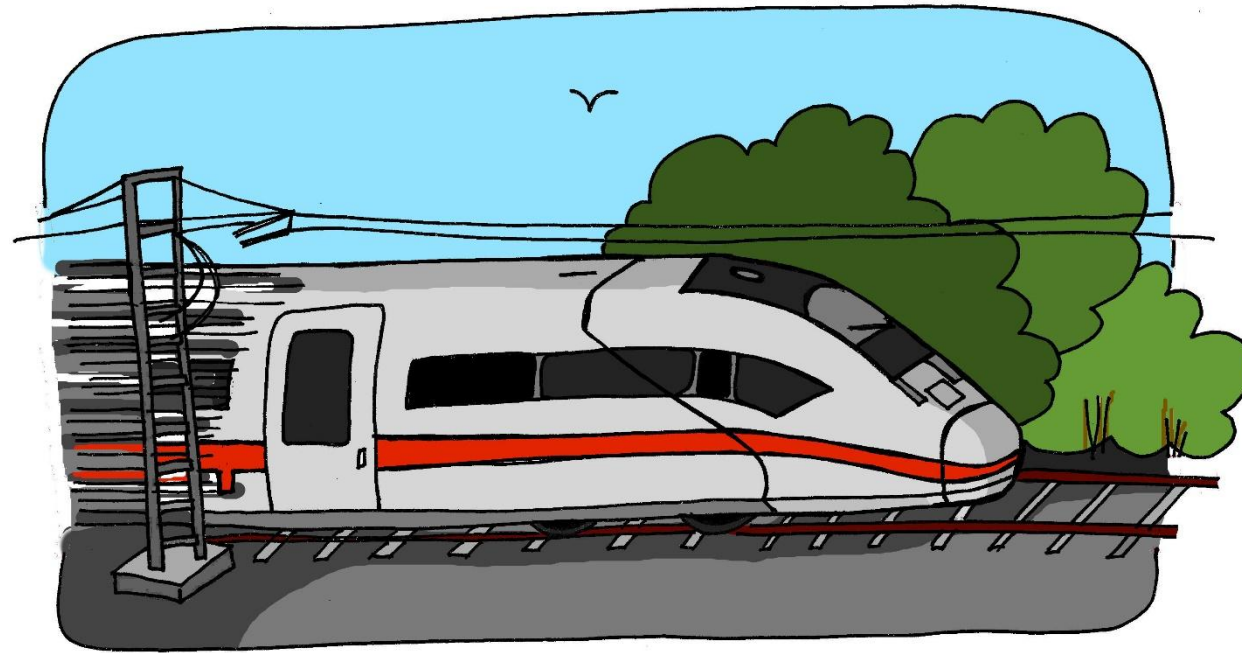
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Ärztin



Zug

sitzen



Platz



Comics	comics
Illustrierten	glossy magazines
Zeitschriften	magazines
Krimis	detective/crime stories
Thriller	thrillers
Taschenbücher	paperback books
Blogs	blogs
Zeitungen	newspapers
Magazine	magazines
E-books	e-books



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



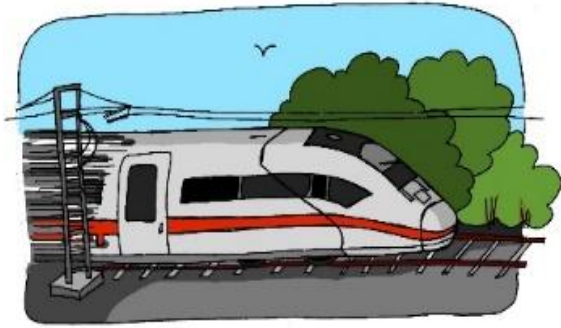
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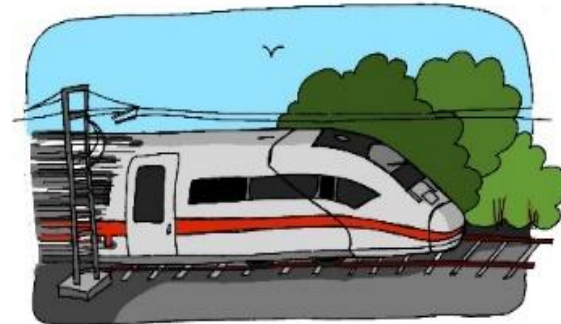
2. add **-e** to the end + **an umlaut** on the vowel.



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der Zug



die Züge



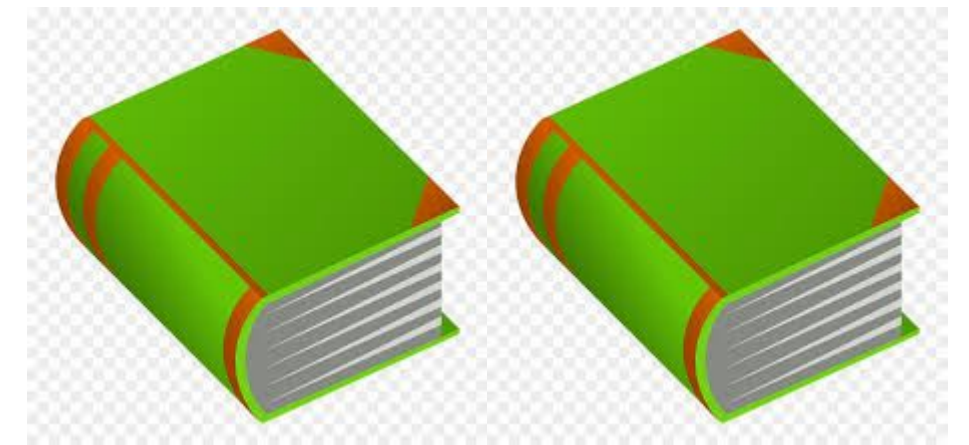
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3. Some masculine and neuter nouns also add **-er** to the end + **an umlaut** on the vowel.



der Mann

die M**ä**nn**er**



das Buch

die B**ü**ch**er**

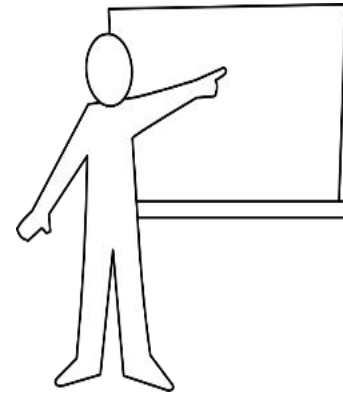


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Words ending in **-el** or **-en** or **-er** are often **the same** in the plural:



der Engel



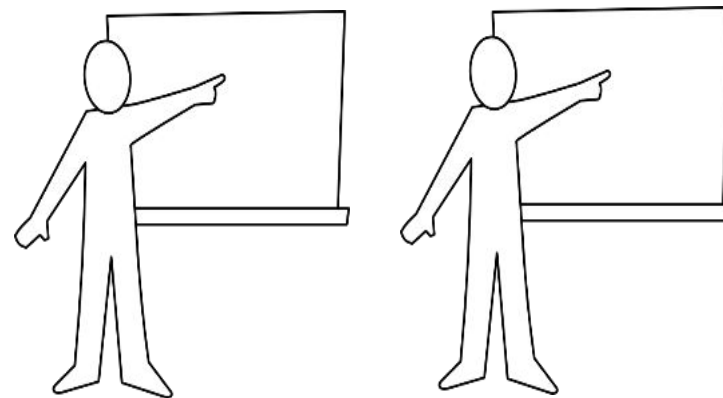
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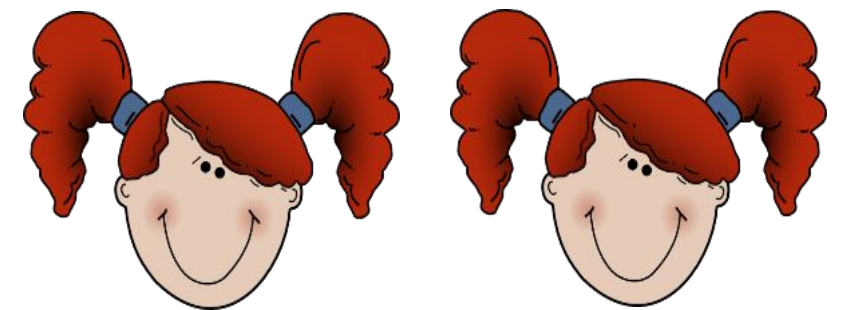
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Forming plurals of nouns

Feminine nouns:

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



Forming plurals of nouns



die Gitarre



die Gitarren



die Frau



die Frauen



Forming plurals of nouns

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. (magazines) _____ 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, eg. _____.

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. (glossy magazines) _____.

Nouns borrowed from English or another language add an **-s**, eg. (blogs) _____.



Summary of our learning

Most masculine and neuter nouns add an **-e** to the end, eg. (magazines) **Magazine** 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, eg. (paperback books) **Taschenbücher**.

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

Feminine nouns add **-n** or **-en** to the end, eg. (glossy magazines) **Illustrierten**.

Nouns borrowed from English or another language add an **-s**, eg. (blogs) **Blogs**.

