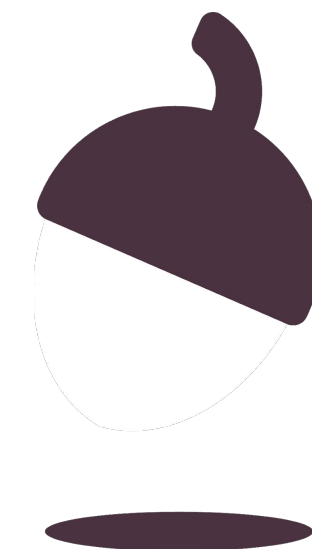**German**

Talking about more than one (Part 2/2)

- Plural rules 1, 2 and 3
- Sein in the 3rd person plural

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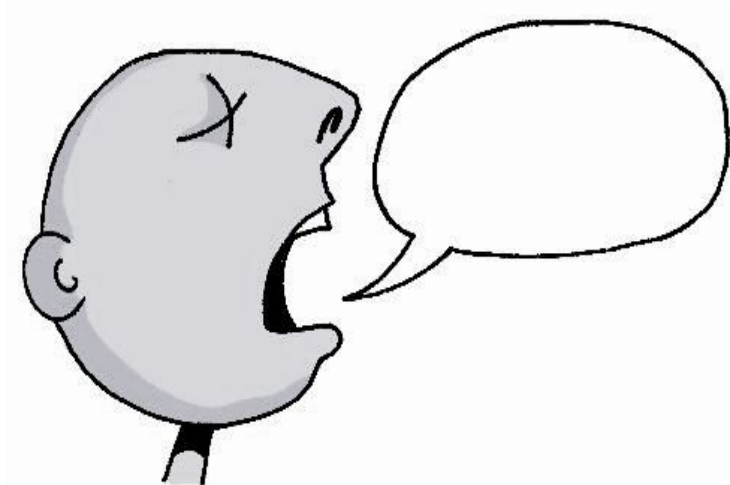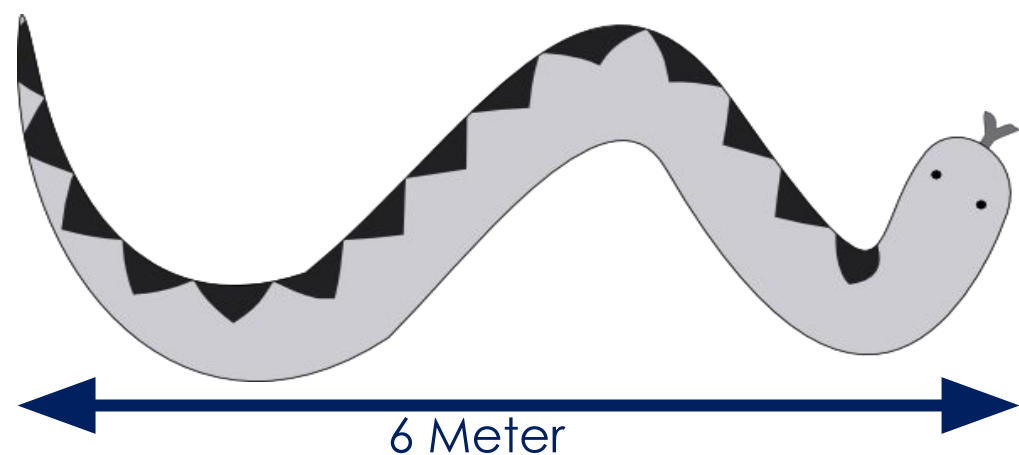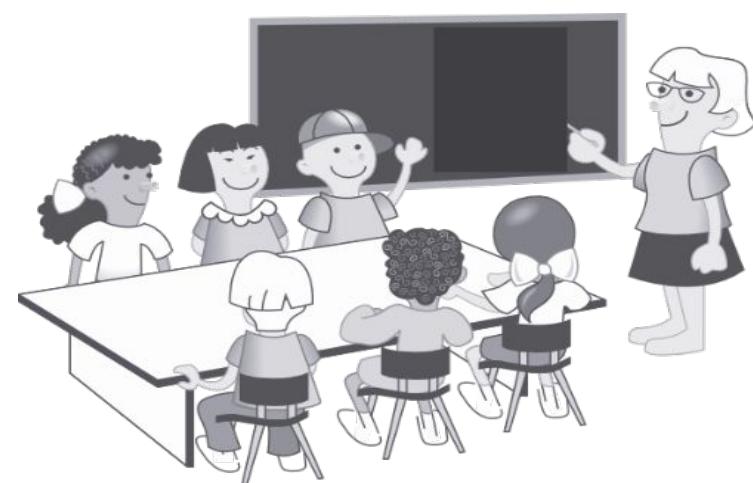
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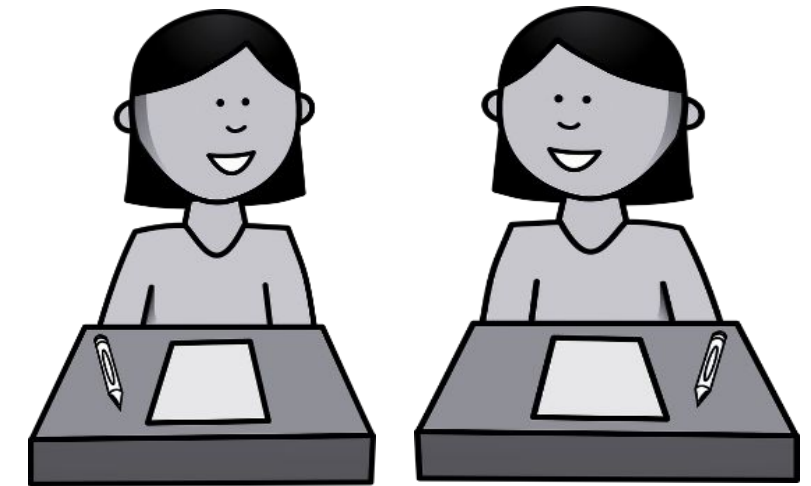Tag

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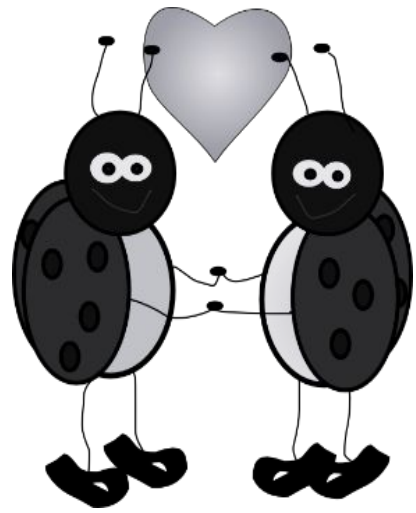kalt

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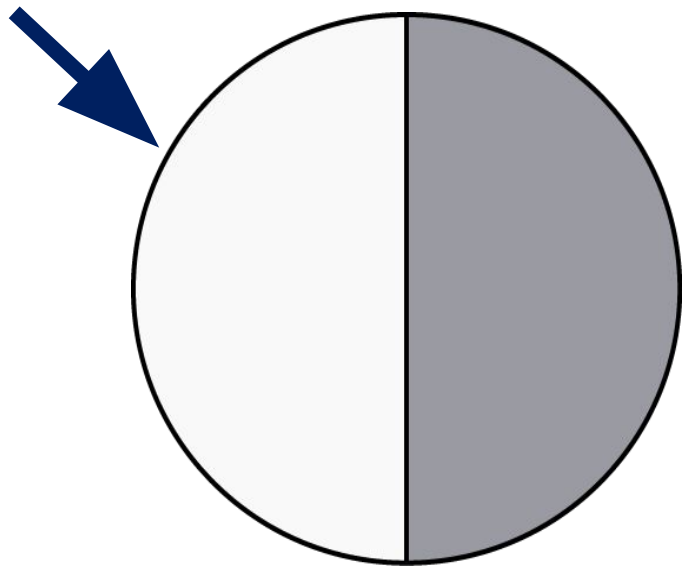1, 2, 3, …100

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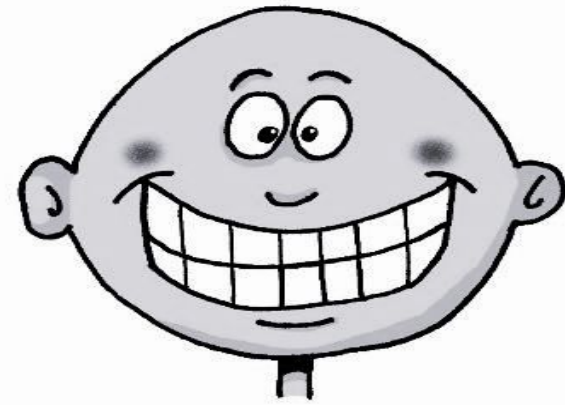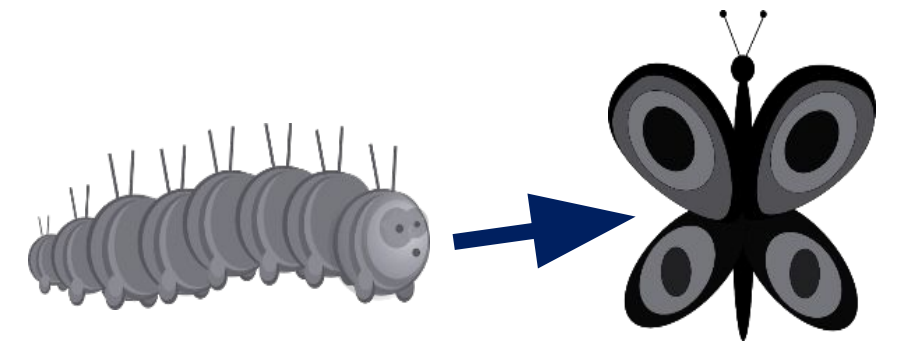ä

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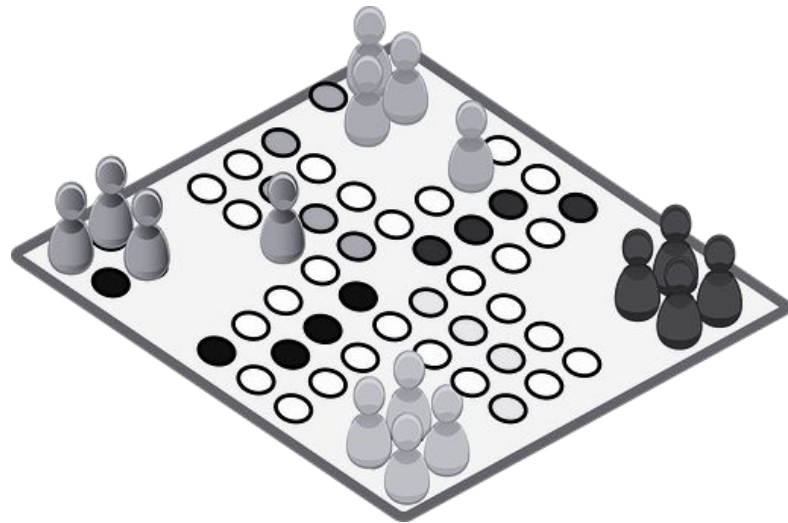# More than one- Rule 1

In German there are several ways to make plural nouns.

Most masculine and neuter nouns either:

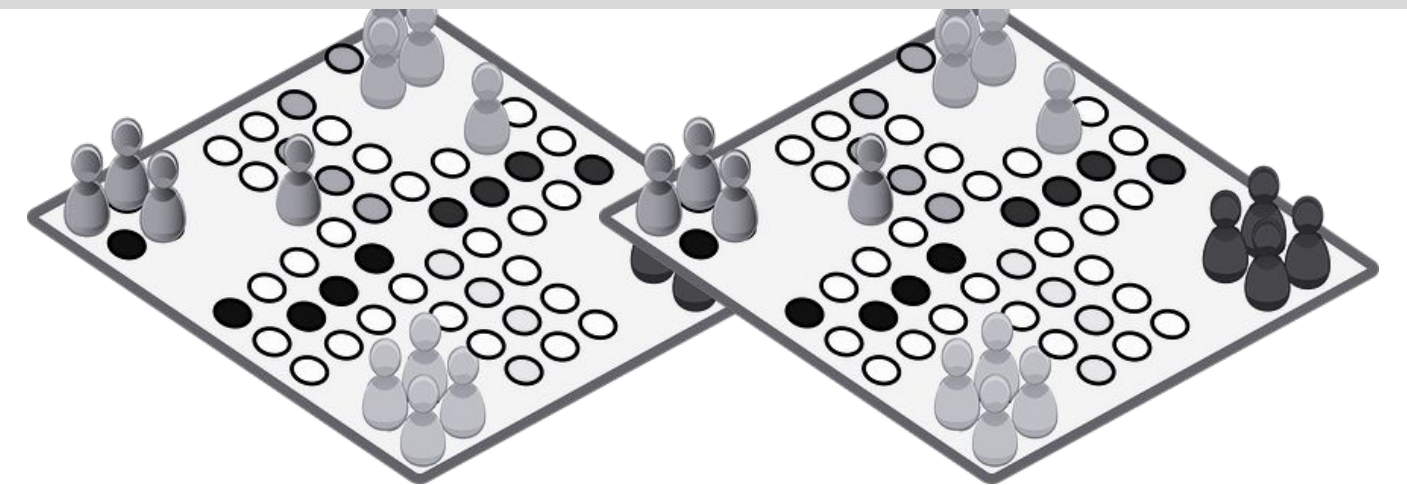1 Add -e to the end

The word for **'the'** for **ALL** plural nouns is **die**

das Spiel

die Spiel**e**

Or:
2 Add an **-e** to the end and an **umlaut** on the vowel

der Zug

die Z**ü**g**e**

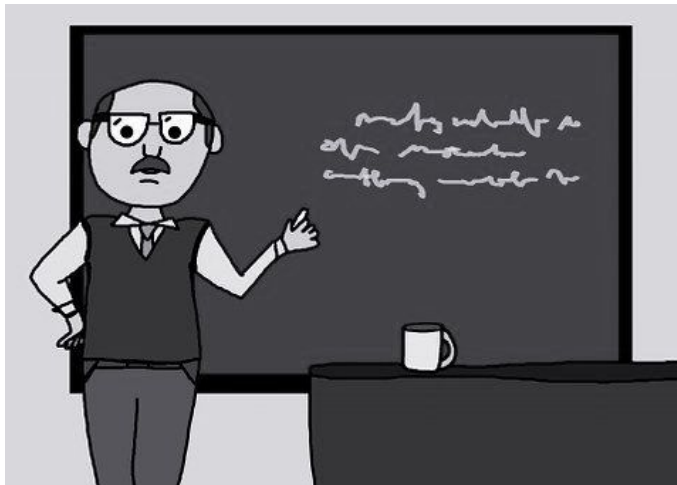90% of masculine plurals work like this.

More than one- Rule 2

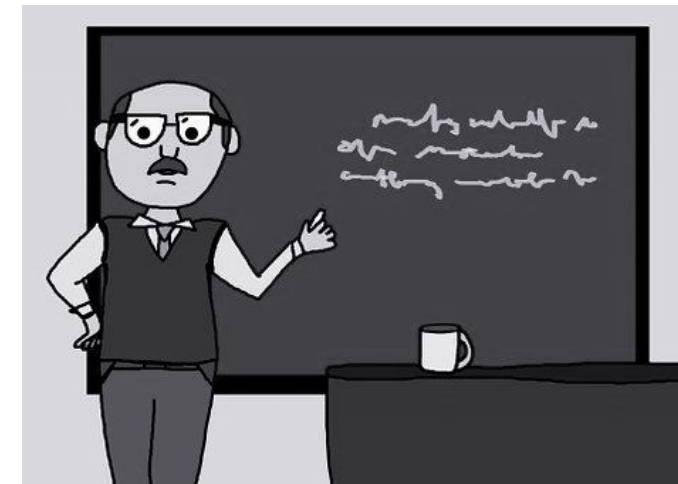Words ending in -EL, -EN or ER often remain the same in the plural.
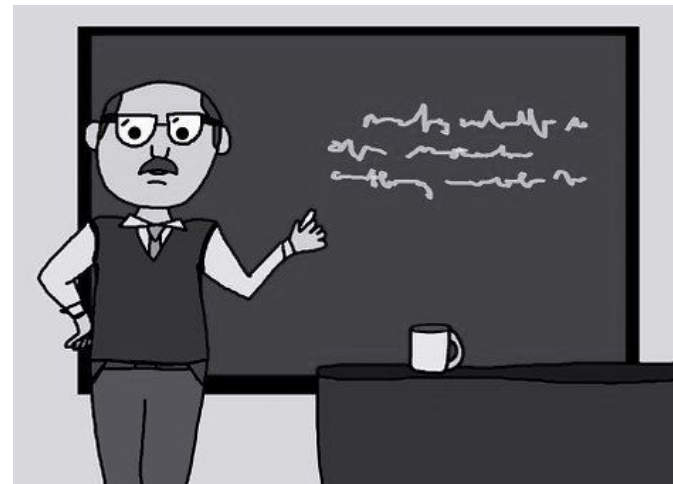
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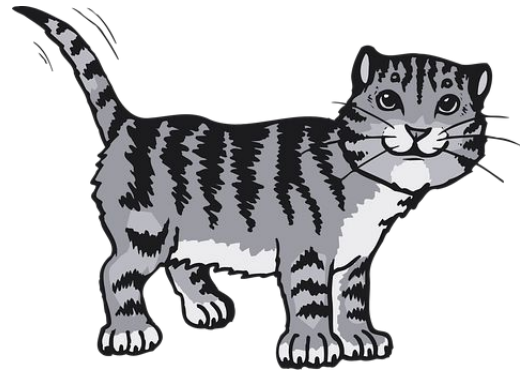
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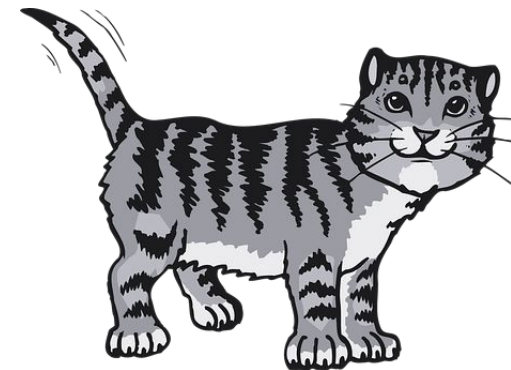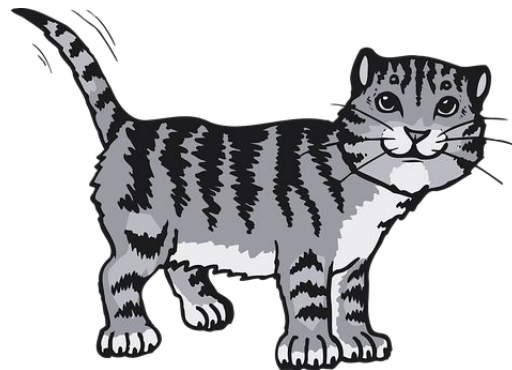You can tell whether it is the singular or plural form from the plural **'die'**.

More than one- Rule 3
Feminine nouns

Most feminine nouns make a plural by adding **-n** or **-en**.

die Katze

die Katze**n**

die Million

die Million**en**

Remember the plural word for 'the' is '**die**' for **ALL** genders.

Sein in the 3rd person plural

In German when you want to describe what one thing is like you use the 3rd person singular:

Die Katze **ist** klein. The cat **is** small.

This is the 'he/ she/ it' form of the verb.

When you want to describe what more than one thing is like you use the 3rd person plural:

Die Katze**n sind** klein. The cat**s are** small.

This is the 'they' form of the verb.

Talking about more than one

1 To make a plural most masculine or neuter nouns either: add an **e** to the end.

2 Or Add an 'e' to the end and an **umlaut** to the vowel.

3 Nouns ending in el/ en/ er often __**stay**__ the same.

4 To make a plural most feminine nouns add **-n** or **-en**.

5 The 3rd person plural of sein is __**sind**__.