

GERMAN CASES

OVERVIEW

Case	Function	What it does?	Remarks
Nominative	Subject	Takes action	Subject is always a noun in Nominative case, but a noun in Nominative is not always the subject (eg. Nouns after sein, bleiben and werden)
Accusative	Direct object	Receives action	Indicates direction and movement. Also used for indicating time and measurements, and after some prepositions
Dative	Indirect object	To / for whom action is taken (beneficiary of action)	Position is emphasised. In English there is no distinction between Accusative and dative, and it's called objective case
Genitive	Possession (ownership)	Indicates belongingness, or ownership of someone/something	Also used after some prepositions

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