

## How to guess the gender of German nouns:

### Feminine nouns:

1. Most nouns ending in **-e** (except male people and animals)

*die Lampe, die Tasche (bag), die Kreide (chalk)*

2. Female of a species:

*die Mutter (mother), die Tochter (daughter), die Lehrerin (teacher), die Kuh (cow), die Katze (cat), die Giraffe (giraffe)*

3. Following 5 word endings: **-keit, -heit, -ei, -schaft, -ung**

*die Pünktlich**keit** (punctuality), die Schön**heit** (beauty), die Bäckere**ei** (bakery), die Gesellsch**aft** (society), die Wohn**ung** (apartment)*

4. Cardinal numbers

*Die Eine, die Zwei...*

5. 7 types of foreign nouns ending in **-anz, -enz, -tät, -ik, -ie, -ion, -ur**

*die Bil**anz** (balance), die Kompet**enz** (expertise), die Universit**tät** (university), die Pan**ik** (panic), die Melod**ie** (melody), die Informat**ion** (information), die Natur**ur** (nature)*

### Masculine nouns:

**1. Male people and animals**

*Der Mann (man), Der Löwe (lion), Der Lehrer (teacher), der Kater (male cat), der Schakal (jackal)*

Exceptions: *das Pferd (horse), das Schaf (sheep)*

**2. These 4 word endings: -ing, -ling, -ich, -ig**

*der Ring (ring), der Frühling (spring), der Teppich, der König (king)*

**3. Seasons, Days of the Week, Months, Weather Features & Directions**

*der Herbst (autumn), der Montag (Monday), der März (march), der Regen (rain), der Westen (West)*

**4. Objects that perform an action**

*der CD-Player, der Computer, der Rechner (calculator)*

## Neutral nouns:

### 1. Words beginning in Ge-

*das Geschirr (crockery), das Gebäude (building), das Gehirn (brain)*

### 2. Young of a species

*das Baby (baby), das Kind (child), das Kalb (calf), das Pony (pony)*

### 3. Diminutive forms

*das Mäd**chen**, das Fräule**in**, das Kätz**chen**, das Hünd**chen***

### 4. Verbs used as Nouns

*das Schwimmen (the act of swimming), das Schreiben (writing), das Trinken (drinking)*

### 5. Ending in -nis and -tum

*das Eigent**um** (property), das Geheim**nis** (secret)*

### 6. Fractions

*das Dritt**el** (one-third), das Viert**el** (one-fourth)*