

## Types of Plural forms

There are 7 possible ways to build the plural form in German:

### - No plural form

- > **Masculine nouns** ending in **-er, -en, el**: CD-Play**er**, Füll**er**, Kuchen**en**, Schlüss**el**
- > Diminutive forms: Fräule**in**, Mädch**en**, Kätzch**en**, Märch**en**
- > Neuter words beginning with **Ge**: Gebäud**e**
- > Sometimes, an umlaut is added:

Masc.: Apfel -> Äpfel, Bruder -> Brüder, Boden -> Böden

Fem.: Mutter -> Mütter, Tochter -> Töchter

Neut.: Kloster -> Klöster

### - -N, -EN

**96% of feminine nouns**: Tafel**N**, Kreide**N**, Tasche**N**, Frau**EN**, Lampe**N**

Masculine nouns ending in **E** / masculine nouns that describe male persons  
Junge**N**, Löwe**N**

Masculine nouns ending in **-OR**: der Doktor/ die Doktor**EN**

All nouns with in **-N declination**: der Student -> die Student**EN**

Some neuter nouns: das Bett -> die Bett**EN**

### -NEN

Feminine nouns that end in **-IN**: Freundin**NEN**, Lehrerin**NEN**

### E

Masculine/ Neuter nouns:

Heft**E**, Lernplakat**E**, Tisch**E**, Papier**E**, Bleistift**E**, Arm**E**

feminine nouns that end in **-nis, -sal**

### - Umlaut + ER

Monosyllabic **Neutral** nouns:

Buch/ Büch**ER**, Haus -> Häus**ER**, Wort -> Wört**ER**

Some masculine nouns:

Mann / Männ**ER**

Nouns that end in **-tum**: der Reicht**ümER**

- **Umlaut + E**

**Many** Masculine/ Neuter nouns: **(70%)**

Baum/ Ba**ümE**, Stuhl/St**ühE**, Schwamm / Schw**ämmE**

Some monosyllabic feminine nouns:

die Hand -> die H**ändE**, die Wand -> die W**ändE**, die Stadt -> die St**ädtE**

- **-S**

Foreign words from English & French: Hotel**S**, Restaurant**S**, Caf**és**

Nouns with **-a**, **-i**, **-o**, and **-u** as the last letter: Sauna**S**, Kuli**S**, Auto**S**, Tiramisu**S**

**Exceptions:** Firma / Firm**EN**, Konto / Kont**EN**

Acronyms: OH**PS**, LKW**s**