

The Four Cases

Languages

Every article form in one grid — the table German keeps referring to.

Definite articles. Case is decided by the role of the noun in the sentence, not by the noun.

Case	masc / fem	neut / plural
Nominativ — subject	der / die	das / die
Akkusativ — direct obj	den / die	das / die
Dativ — indirect obj	dem / der	dem / den
Genitiv — possession	des / der	des / der

Only the masculine changes in the accusative. That one row is most of what beginners get wrong.