

Noun Gender

Languages

The endings that reliably predict der, die or das.

Strong tendencies, not laws.

der (masculine)

-er, -ling, -ig, -ismus

Days, months, seasons

Weather: Regen, Schnee

Most alcoholic drinks

die (feminine)

-ung, -heit, -keit, -schaft

-ion, -tät, -ik, -ur

Most nouns ending in -e

Numbers used as nouns

das (neuter)

-chen, -lein – always

-ment, -um, -ma

Infinitives used as nouns

Most metals and colours

-chen and -lein are always neuter, even for people: das Mädchen is grammatically neuter.