

Forming Plurals

Languages

The five plural patterns, with the gender each tends to follow.

All plurals take die in the nominative, whatever the singular gender.

Ending	Example	Tends to be
-e	der Tisch → die Tische	many masculine
-er (+umlaut)	das Kind → die Kinder	short neuter
-(e)n	die Frau → die Frauen	most feminine
-s	das Auto → die Autos	loanwords
no change	der Lehrer → die Lehrer	-er, -en, -el

In the dative plural, an -n is added unless the plural already ends in -n or -s: mit den Kindern.