

German Plurals

Languages

Five plural patterns, and which nouns take which.

There is no single plural -s. These five endings cover almost everything.

Ending	Example	Tends to be
-e	der Tisch → die Tische	many masculine
-er	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 endings

Many plurals also add an umlaut: der Vater → die Väter. Every plural takes 'die' in the nominative, whatever its gender.