

Plural der Substantive

Maskulin

- The most common plural ending is **-e** or **-e*** (* = Umlaut):
der Tag, -e; der Sohn, -e*; der Zug, -e* (*train*); der Weg, -e (*way*)
- Masculin nouns ending with **-el**, **-en** and **-er** don't have a plural ending but often get an "Umlaut" in their plural form:
der Schlüssel, -; der Mantel, -* (*coat*); der Wagen, - (*car*); der Garten, -*; der Lehrer, -; der Bruder, -e*
- Quite common is the plural ending **-(e)n** :
der Junge, -n; der Finne, -n; der Herr, -en; der Student, -en; der Doktor, -en
- Sometimes you will find as well the ending **-er / -er*** :
der Geist, -er (*ghost*) ; der Mann- er*

Feminin

- the most common ending is **-(e)n** :
die Frau, -en; die Schule, -n (*school*) ; die Wohnung, -en;
die Firma, Firmen
- the plural ending of the singular form **-in** (female professionals & nationals and people doing something) is **-nen** :
die Verkäuferin, -nen (*saleslady*) ; die Finnin, -nen; die Besucherin, -nen (*female visiter*)
- a small group of feminins get the plural ending **-e*** :
die Hand, -e*; die Nacht, -e*; die Stadt, -e*
- two feminine nouns don't get a plural ending at all, just "Umlaut":
die Mutter, -*; die Tochter, -e* (*daughter*)

Neutrum

- most common are the Plural endings **-e** or **-er / -er*** :
das Jahr, -e (*year*) ; das Schiff, -e (*ship*) ; das Kind - er (*child*) ;
das Haus, -er* ; das Dorf, -er* (*village*) ; das Buch, -er* (*book*)
- a group of nouns has no plural ending, that are those ending in singular with **-el** , **-en** , **-er** , those starting with **Ge-** and ending with **-e** as well as those ending with **-chen** and **-lein**:
das Rätsel, - (*riddle*) ; das Mittagessen, - (*lunch*) ; das Zimmer, - (*room*) ;
das Gebäude, - (*building*) ; das Mädchen, -
- a small group of nouns has the ending **-(e)n** :
das Bett, -en; das Museum, Museen
- lots of words by foreign origin get the plural ending **-s**
der Chef, -s (*boss*) ; der Park, -s; die Kamera, -s; das Auto, -s;
das Hobby, -s

Sometimes two nouns got the same singular but different plurals:

die Bank , -e* (*bench*)

die Bank, -en (*bank*)

Some nouns only got a plural form and no singular at all:

die Eltern (*parents*) , die Ferien (*holidays*) , die Leute (*people*)