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NOUNS / die NOMEN

Nouns: nouns = people, objects, things, animals, places, countries

- Each noun has a **gender** (masculine, female or neuter) & a **number** (grammatical function: singular, object, subject, plural nouns, attribute: grammatical: determine to what noun it refers) & are **capitalized** (first letter of first grammatical of gender)
- Masculine (der)** (he, man, the dog)
- Feminine (die)** (she, woman, the cat)
- Neuter (es)** (it, sun, the book)
- Changes in the inflection of nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives in subject cases, number, and gender are referred to as **declension**

NUMBER

- Singular nouns** refer to one thing (der, die, das, the) whereas **plural nouns** refer to more than one (die, die, die, the) or the plural, German nouns are declined in several ways
- No change in spelling** (gender, number, adjective, adverb, etc.)
 - der Mann (he, the man)
 - die Frau (she, the woman)
 - das Tier (it, the animal)
- Noun change** (number, gender, number, etc.)
 - der Mann (he, the man)
 - die Frauen (she, the women)
 - das Tier (it, the animal)
- Adding -n, -s, -en, -er**
 - der Hund (the dog)
 - die Katzen (the cats)
 - die Frauen (the women)
 - das Tier (the animal)
- Noun change and adding -er**
 - der Mann (the man)
 - die Frauen (the women)
 - das Tier (the animal)
- Adding -e**
 - der Mann (the man)
 - die Frauen (the women)
 - das Tier (the animal)

GENDER

LOGICAL GENDER

- It means that if a person, nationality, region, or political institution, etc. is **biological gender** generally is masculine
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CONVENTIONAL AND NATIONALITY

- The original form of most conventional nouns is usually the original declension in biological gender, usually by changing the article and adding the feminine ending in -e (the feminine declension)
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PRONOUNS / die PRONOMEN

Pronouns refer to persons and objects according to their grammatical function. They must agree in gender and number with the nouns to which they refer

PERSONAL PRONOUNS

- Personal pronouns refer to persons or whether they are used for formal or informal address
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- in other cases, **reflexive forms** are used
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THE GENDER MAJORITY

- In many cases, the male form is used for both male and female nouns
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REGULAR ENDINGS

- Each regular ending is generated in certain cases
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CASE

A noun's case is determined by its function. The four cases are nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive.

DECLINABLE NOUNS

- Nominative** (the subject, the one who is performing the action, the one who is doing the action)
- Accusative** (the object, the one who is being performed by the action, the one who is being done by the action)
- Dative** (the indirect object, the one who is receiving the action, the one who is being done by the action)
- Genitive** (the possessive, the one who is possessing the object, the one who is being done by the action)

DECLINABLE ADJECTIVES

- Adjectives are declined in the same way as nouns
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DECLINABLE VERBS

- Verbs are declined in the same way as nouns
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