

Cases

	Use	Example
Nom.	Subject	<i>The dog</i> eats meat. Can <i>the dog</i> bark?
Acc.	Direct Object	I love <i>the dog</i> . Did she see <i>the dog</i> ?
Dat.	Indirect Object	He gave <i>the dog</i> a toy. Did you give <i>the dog</i> its food?
Gen.	Possessive	<i>The dog's</i> bed is there. Is that <i>the dog's</i> owner?

Indefinite Article

	masc.	neut.	fem.	pl.
nominative	(k)einem	(k)ein	(k)eine	(k)eine
accusative	(k)einen	(k)ein	(k)eine	(k)eine
dative	(k)einem	(k)einer	(k)einer	(k)einen
genitive	(k)eines	(k)einer	(k)einer	(k)einer

Definite Article

	masc.	neut.	fem.	pl.
nominative	der	das	die	die
accusative	den	das	die	die
dative	dem	dem	der	den
genitive	des	des	der	der

Expressing Likes

mögen	lit. to like
usage	expresses <i>feelings</i>
sentence	1. subj + MÖGEN + direct obj 2. subj + MÖGEN + clause
note	modal verb - can take infinitive verb as direct object
gern	lit. gladly; with pleasure (adverb)
usage	liking for an <i>activity</i>
sentence	1. subj + verb + GERN + direct obj 2. subj + hab- + person + GERN (only works in the context of someone liking someone else)
note	no conjugation

gefallen	lit. to appeal to
usage	shows quick judgement, esp. in seeing and hearing
sentence	1. subj + GEFALLEN + indirect obj 2. indirect obj + GEFALLEN + subj
note	indirect object: noun doing the liking subject: noun being liked

Prepositions

Acc.	bis, durch, für, gegen, ohne, um, hindurch, pro, entlang
Dat.	aus, außer, bei, mit, nach, seit, von, zu, gegenüber
Two Way	an, auf, über, unter, hinter, vor, neben, zwischen
Gen.	statt/anstatt, trotz, während, wegen, innerhalb, außerhalb, diesseits, jenseits

Two-Way Prepositions

Why is it called two-way?

Both *accusative* and *dative* cases are used

Are both cases interchangeable?

No, *context* determines which one

Context 1: No movement

Dative case
Ex: Ich bin *in einem* Haus

Context 2: Movement within a place

Dative case
Ex: Ich laufe *in einem* Wald

Context 3: Movement from one place to another

Accusative case
Ex: Ich gehe *in ein* Haus



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