

German Adjective Agreement (Nominative)?

Worksheet

German adjectives in nominative case change their endings to agree with the noun's gender and article type. Definite articles trigger endings like -e or -en, indefinite articles use -er/-e/-es, and bare nouns use strong endings.

Questions

1. Fill the nominative adjective: 'der alt__ Freund' (old friend).

- A) en
- B) er
- C) e
- D) es

2. Fill the nominative adjective: 'ein neu__ Haus' (new house).

- A) e
- B) en
- C) er
- D) es

3. Which gender + article requires -er adjective ending?

- A) Feminine + indefinite
- B) Masculine + indefinite
- C) Neuter + definite
- D) Plural + any

4. Nominative plural with any article ends in...

- A) -e
- B) -en
- C) -er
- D) -es

5. Add the correct nominative adjective ending: 'der groß__ Mann'.

6. Add the correct nominative adjective ending: 'eine schön__ Frau'.

7. Add the correct nominative adjective ending: 'ein klein__ Kind'.

8. Define: What does German adjective agreement mean?

9. Define: In nominative with definite articles (der/die/das), what adjective ending is most common?

10. Define: Nominative indefinite article masculine: what adjective ending?

Answer Key

1. C) e — Definite article + masculine nominative → -e ending (der alte Freund).
2. D) es — Indefinite article + neuter nominative → -es ending (ein neues Haus).
3. B) Masculine + indefinite — Masculine + indefinite (ein) → -er (ein großer Mann).
4. B) -en — Plural nominative always uses -en: die großen Männer/Frauen/Kinder.
5. der = definite article, masculine With definite articles, most adjectives end in -e Answer: der große Mann
6. eine = indefinite article, feminine With ein-words in feminine, the adjective ends in -e Answer: eine schöne Frau
7. ein = indefinite article, neuter With ein-words in neuter nominative, the adjective ends in -es Answer: ein kleines Kind
8. Adjectives change their endings to match the noun's gender, number, case, and article type.
9. Most adjectives end in -e with definite articles: der große Mann, die große Frau, das große Kind.
10. With 'ein', masculine nominative adjectives end in -er: ein großer Mann.

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