

What is Nominative Case?

Worksheet

The nominative case is the subject case in German. It answers the question 'Who?' or 'What?' and identifies the person or thing performing the action.

Questions

1. Which sentence uses nominative correctly?
A) Ich sehe der Hund.
B) Der Hund sieht mich.
C) Ich gebe dem Hund.
D) Ich mag den Hund.
2. What question does nominative answer?
A) Wen?
B) Wem?
C) Wer?
D) Wessen?
3. The nominative case is always...
A) the direct object
B) the subject
C) the indirect object
D) the possessor
4. In 'Die Katze schläft,' what case is 'Katze'?
A) Accusative
B) Dative
C) Nominative
D) Genitive
5. Der Mann ist groß. (The man is tall.) — What case is 'Mann'?
6. Das Kind spielt. (The child plays.) — Identify the nominative.
7. Die Frau fährt nach Berlin. (The woman drives to Berlin.) — Which word is nominative?
8. Define: What is the nominative case?
9. Define: What question does nominative answer?
10. Define: Give an example of nominative.

Answer Key

1. B) Der Hund sieht mich. — In 'Der Hund sieht mich,' 'Der Hund' is the subject (nominative) performing the action.
2. C) Wer? — Wer? (Who?) asks for the subject — the nominative case.
3. B) the subject — Nominative is the case for the subject — who or what performs the action.
4. C) Nominative — 'Die Katze' is the subject (who sleeps) — nominative case.
5. Der Mann = subject Mann is the person the sentence describes Answer: Nominative case
6. Das Kind = subject The child is performing the action Answer: Nominative case
7. Die Frau = subject The woman is who performs the action Answer: Nominative case
8. The case of the subject — the noun performing the action.
9. Wer? (Who?) or Was? (What?)
10. Der Mann ist hier. (The man is here.) — 'Der Mann' is nominative.

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