

What are German Ordinal Numbers 1st-10th?

Worksheet

German ordinals 1st-10th are: erste (1st), zweite (2nd), dritte (3rd), vierte (4th), fünfte (5th), sechste (6th), siebte (7th), achte (8th), neunte (9th), zehnte (10th). They are adjectives and change ending based on the noun's gender and case.

Questions

1. Which is the correct ordinal for 'fourth' in German?

- A) vierte
- B) viert
- C) vierten
- D) virte

2. How do you say 'the third girl' in German (nominative, feminine)?

- A) der dritte Mädchen
- B) die dritte Mädchen
- C) die dritte Mädchen
- D) das dritte Mädchen

3. What is the 7th ordinal in German?

- A) siebent
- B) siebte
- C) siebenten
- D) siebent

4. Which ordinals (1-10) are IRREGULAR in German?

- A) 1-3 only
- B) 1-5
- C) all of them
- D) 4-10 only

5. How do you say 'the first book' in German (nominative, masculine)?

6. Write 'the second woman' in German (nominative, feminine).

7. How is 'ninth' (neunte) used in the dative case for a neuter noun?

8. Define: What is 'first' in German?

9. Define: What is 'second' in German?

10. Define: What is 'third' in German?

Answer Key

1. A) vierte — 'Vierte' is the base form of the 4th ordinal (masculine nominative singular).
2. B) die dritte Mädchen — Feminine + nominative = 'die' + 'dritte'. The article 'die' shows feminine, 'dritte' is the ordinal.
3. B) siebte — 'Siebte' is the base form (m.nom singular). Higher numbers (7+) add -te to the cardinal.
4. A) 1–3 only — Only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are irregular (erste, zweite, dritte). From 4th onward, ordinals follow the rule of adding -te.
5. First = erste (base form for masculine nominative). The masculine nominative article = der. Sentence: Das ist der erste Tag. (This is the first day.)
6. Second = zweite (base form for feminine nominative). The feminine nominative article = die. Sentence: Die zweite Frau sitzt dort. (The second woman sits there.)
7. Ninth = neunte (base), dative neuter = -en ending → neunten. Example: Ich gebe es dem neunten Kind. (I give it to the ninth child.)
8. erste (irregular)
9. zweite (irregular)
10. dritte (irregular)

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