

German Possessive Adjectives: mein, dein, sein, ihr...

Worksheet

German possessive adjectives (mein, dein, sein, ihr, unser, euer, Ihr, ihr) modify nouns and agree in gender, number, and case with those nouns—not the possessor. Example: mein Buch (neuter singular), meine Frau (feminine singular), meine Bücher (plural).

Questions

1. Which is the correct form of 'my' before 'Frau' (woman, feminine, nominative)?

- A) mein Frau
- B) meine Frau
- C) meiner Frau
- D) meinem Frau

2. What is the possessive adjective for 'his' in German?

- A) dein
- B) sein
- C) ihr
- D) euer

3. Fill in: 'Our house is big.' — 'Unser ____ ist groß.'

- A) Haus
- B) Hause
- C) Häuser
- D) Häuser

4. What does a German possessive adjective agree with?

- A) the possessor's gender
- B) the noun's gender, number, and case
- C) nothing—it never changes
- D) the verb

5. How do you say 'my house' (nominative, neuter) in German?

6. How do you say 'your (informal) brother' (nominative, masculine)?

7. How do you say 'her sister' (nominative, feminine)?

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

9. Define: What is 'your' (informal) in German?

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

Answer Key

1. B) meine Frau — Feminine nominative requires '-e', so 'meine Frau' (my woman).
2. B) sein — 'Sein' means 'his' in German. Note: it agrees with the noun, not the masculine possessor.
3. A) Haus — 'Unser Haus' (nominative neuter singular). No ending needed for neuter nominative.
4. B) the noun's gender, number, and case — German possessives agree with the NOUN they modify (gender, number, case), not the possessor.
5. Possessive 'my' = mein. Noun 'house' (das Haus) is neuter, nominative. Nominative neuter = 'mein' (no ending). Answer: mein Haus.
6. Possessive 'your (informal)' = dein. Noun 'brother' (der Bruder) is masculine, nominative. Nominative masculine = 'dein' (no ending). Answer: dein Bruder.
7. Possessive 'her' = ihr. Noun 'sister' (die Schwester) is feminine, nominative. Nominative feminine = 'ihre' (add -e). Answer: ihre Schwester.
8. mein (agrees with noun)
9. dein (agrees with noun)
10. sein (agrees with noun)

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