

Episode 002 – Grammar

Definite articles

German nouns are often preceded by an article.

The article indicates the case, number and gender of the noun it precedes.
There are definite and indefinite articles.

A definite article refers to an object or person
whose identity is already known to the speaker or listener.

German has three classes of gender: masculine, feminine and neuter.

	Definite article	Noun
Masculine	der	<i>Fahrer</i>
Feminine	die	<i>Katze</i>
Neuter	das	<i>Taxi</i>

Important note!

Unfortunately there's no general rule for articles. You have to learn the gender of each noun by heart. The nouns in your vocabulary list are shown with their articles, so always learn both: the noun and the article that goes along with it!

Harry – gefangen in der Zeit

Begleitmaterialien

More:

For all three genders - masculine, feminine and neuter - the definite article in the nominative plural is always "die".

German cases:

German has four cases.

The following chart shows the case of definite articles in the singular for all three genders.

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	der	die	das
Accusative	den	die	das
Dative	dem	der	dem
Genitive	des	der	des