

Adjective endings after Der- and Ein-words

1. Adjectives used in the predicate have no endings: **Das Haus ist *braun*.**
2. Attributive adjectives have endings, depending on what precedes them; there is one set of endings for adjectives after **der**-words and another after **ein**-words:

Das braune Haus**Ein braunes Haus**

There is still another set of adjective endings for words with neither **der**- or **ein**-words preceding them. These will be covered later.

3. It is possible to learn the endings in tables:

Endings on Der-words

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	dieser	diese	dieses	diese
Accusative	diesen	diese	dieses	diese
Dative	diesem	dieser	diesem	diesen...n
Genitive	dieses	dieser	dieses	dieser

Endings on Adjectives after Der-words

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	gute	gute	gute	guten
Accusative	guten	gute	gute	guten
Dative	guten	guten	guten	guten
Genitive	guten	guten	guten	guten

Endings on Ein-words

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	ein*	eine	ein*	keine
Accusative	einen	eine	ein*	keine
Dative	einem	einer	einem	keinen...n
Genitive	eines	einer	eines	keiner

Endings on Adjectives after Ein-words

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	guter*	gute	gutes*	guten
Accusative	guten	gute	gutes*	guten
Dative	guten	guten	guten	guten
Genitive	guten	guten	guten	guten

*different from **der**-words and endings after **der**-words

4. Or as a chart of “allowable sequences”:

Chart of Allowable Sequences

er	e	(nominative)
	en	(other)
e	e	(singular)
	en	(plural)
es	e	(other)
	en	(genitive)
em		
	en	(always)
en		
Ø	er	(masculine)
	es	(neuter)

Express in German

1. The nice lady is buying an old table.
2. Which difficult book is on the red chair?
3. Do you know (are you acquainted with) his new film?
4. The pretty tables are in the modern [**modern**] rooms.
5. Which old girl-friend did he see?
6. The new student is making a short appointment [**r Termin**] with [**bei**] the good doctor [**r Arzt**].
7. The good old days are here again.
8. This long bed is really cheap.
9. My old coat is lying on our new bed.
10. His modern apartment is opposite the old school.
11. We don't have any small children.
12. He is putting her red pen on the brown table.
13. That's my old friend Bob.
14. A good book can be a good friend.
15. Where's his lousy [**mies**] dog? Under your stupid feet!
16. I think that my expensive dress is really pretty.