

## Simple German Article Pattern II – Neuter/It Nouns

This time we'll discuss: **The article "DAS"**

das Mädchen = the girl  
das Brötchen (das Brot) = the roll  
das Häuschen (das Haus) = the little house  
das Mäuschen (die Maus) = the tiny mouse

das Röslein (die Rose) = the floweret  
das Bäuchlein (der Bauch) = the tummy  
das Tischlein (der Tisch) = the small table  
das Fischlein (der Fisch) = the little (or young) fish  
das Fräulein = the miss/ young lady

Nouns with –chen and –lein in the end use the article "DAS"  
These two endings are mostly used to express tiny, small items of the original nouns.

das Gedächtnis = the memory  
das Bildnis = the image  
das Geständnis = the confession  
das Zeugnis = the certificate

Most nouns ending –nis have "DAS" as article.

das Experiment = the experiment  
das Temperament = the temper  
das Regiment = the regiment  
das Medikament = the medication

Nouns ending in –ment use the neuter article "DAS"

das Eisen = iron  
das Gold = gold  
das Silber = silver  
das Aluminium = aluminum

"DAS" is used for metals and the chemical elements except the ones ending in –stoff.



das Gelage = the binge  
das Gemälde = the painting  
das Gebäude = the building  
das Gelände = the terrain/area

Most nouns starting with Ge- use the article "DAS".

Please be aware of: Even though it ends in –e the Ge- in the beginning determines the gender here.

das Blau = the color blue  
das Rot = the color red  
das Gelb = the color yellow  
das Braun = the color brown

All colors have the article "DAS"

das Schreiben = the writing  
das Lesen = the reading  
das Rennen = the running/race  
das Reisen = the traveling

Nouns that derive directly from a verb use the article "DAS"

das Kalb = the calf  
das Küken = the chick  
das Fohlen = the foal  
das Lamm = the lamb

Most animal babies have the article "DAS". Exception is: der Welpen = the pup, der Frischling = the young boar

das Motto = the slogan  
das Auto = the car  
das Foto = the photo  
das Video = the video

A lot of nouns with their origin in Latin ending in –o have the article "DAS".



das Adlon Kempinski = the Adlon Kempinski hotel in Berlin  
das Mariott = the Mariott hotel  
das Metropol = the Metropol theatre in Berlin  
das Kranzler = the Kranzler café in Berlin

Names of hotels, cafés and theatres use the article “DAS”. In a way we just leave out the word “hotel”, “theatre” and “café”.

The personal pronoun for the neuter nouns is “es”.

Example: Das Brötchen ist frisch. Es ist weich. = The roll is fresh. It is soft.

Example: Das Mädchen ist klein. Es ist erst 5 Jahre. = The girl is little. She is only 5 years old.

Plurals of the neuter nouns will be discussed in a later manual.

