### All-In-One German Declensions Chart

**Articles • Other Determiners • Adjective Endings**

- **no declension**
- **strong declension**
- **weak declension**

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### The 4 Declension Patterns

- **1**
  - Determiner + *adjective(s)

- **2**
  - Ein-word determiner + *adjective(s)

- **3**
  - Adjective(s)

- **4**
  - Determiners + *adjective(s)

- **no declension**
- **strong declension**
- **weak declension**

**#2 Applies in:**
- masc. nom.
- neut. nom.

**#3 Except:**
- masc. & neut. gen.
- use weak declension

**#4 Applies to:**
- *Optional rulebreaker determiners with plural nouns only
**STEPS**

1. Determine the noun’s gender & case
2. Find the corresponding section of the All-In-One Declensions Chart
3. Identify which declension pattern fits the determiner and/or adjective(s) preceding the noun.
4. Apply the declensions listed in the All-In-One Declensions Chart as per the dictates of the declension pattern.

**NOTES**

- Remember: noun gender is STATIC -- it doesn’t change! It will always be either masculine, feminine, neuter, or plural (which, grammatically-speaking, is like a 4th gender).
- However, the CASE of the noun does change, mostly due either to the role the noun is playing (subject, direct object, indirect object) or to a prepositional phrase (most often in either the accusative or dative case).
- Of the declension patterns, #1 (the standard, default pattern) and #3 (adjectives only) can occur at ANY of the All-In-One Declension Chart’s 16 intersections.
- Pattern #2 is used at strictly 3 intersections (see the ‘notes’ on the chart!) and pattern #4 is used only with the plurals column of the chart.
- NOTICE the 2 basic principles of the declension patterns graphic: 1) there is a preference for the strong declension and 2) generally, determiners and adjectives take separate declensions.
- These 2 principles ^^ are followed exactly by pattern #1 and then only in part by the three remaining, ‘exception-to-the-rule’ patterns.