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 no declension  strong declension  weak declension


	Masc.		Fem.		Neut.		Plural			
										
Nom.		r	e	e	e		s	e	e	n
Acc.		n	n	e	e		s	e	e	n
Dat.		m	n	r	n		m	n	n	n
Gen.		s	n	r	n		s	n	r	n

The 4 Declension Patterns

					
1		determiner	+	*adjective(s)	
2	ein-word determiner	+	*adjective(s)	} + noun	
3		adjective(s)			
4		determiners	+		*adjective(s)

 no declension

 strong declension

 weak declension

#2 Applies in:
masc. nom.
neut. nom.
neut. acc.

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

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

*Optional

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.