

Adjective Endings in Accusative

As you know, adjectives take an ending when they come directly before the noun they describe.

The adjective endings vary depending on the gender, number, and case of the noun which they describe.

In the accusative case, if the **adjective** is **preceded by a *der*-word** (e.g., definite article), **only the masculine form changes**: the definite article changes from ***der*** to ***den*** and the adjective adds **-en**.

The endings for feminine and neuter are **-e**, just like in the nominative, and the ending for plural is **-en**, also just like in the nominative.

	masculine	feminine	neuter	plural
nominative	der rote e Rock	die weiß e Bluse	das blau e Hemd	die schwarzen e Schuhe
accusative	den roten e Rock	die weiß e Bluse	das blau e Hemd	die schwarzen e Schuhe

In the accusative case, if the **adjective** is **preceded by an *ein*-word** (e.g., indefinite article, “*kein*”, or any possessive determiner *mein*, *dein*, *sein*/*ihr*/*sein*, *unser*, *euer*, *ihr*/*Ihr*), again, **only the masculine form changes**: the indefinite article changes from ***ein*** to ***einen*** and the adjective adds **-en**.

The adjective endings for feminine, neuter and plural are the same as in the nominative case.

	masculine	feminine	neuter	plural
nominative	ein rote r Rock	eine weiße e Bluse	ein blaue s Hemd	keine schwarze n Schuhe
accusative	eine n rote n Rock	eine weiße e Bluse	ein blaue s Hemd	keine schwarze n Schuhe

ACHTUNG

If you are describing a plural item with an adjective and do not use an article, you will put an -e on the adjective.

[This means the adjective is "unpreceded" = no article in front of the adjective.]

- *Ich trage heute weiß**e** Socken.*
- *Im Winter trägt Nadine warm**e** Handschuhe.*
- *Ich kaufe teur**e** Ohrringe.*
- *Kaufen Sie schön**e** Bilder oder neu**e** Weingläser?*
- *Spielst du gern interessan**t**e Videospiele?*

Please note that the adjective ending will apply to all adjectives preceding the noun. For example:

- *Ich möchte den lang**en** rot**en** Rock.*
- *Sie kauft ein schön**es** blau**es** Kleid.*
- *Hans kauft die neu**en** warm**en** schwar**zen** Stiefel.*

The colours “rosa” and “lila” don’t take any adjective endings in the accusative.

- *Ich kaufe einen rosa Rock. / Ich kaufe den rosa Rock.*
- *Ich kaufe eine lila Bluse. / Ich kaufe die lila Bluse.*