

Vorbereitung auf Klassenarbeit Nr. 3

Adjective Endings

This test focuses on adjective endings. Be able to apply the logical system of adjective endings in German. The cultural component resides within the meanings of German adjectives, learn their meanings. Pronunciation focuses on individual adjectives, be able to pronounce adjectives with and without endings.

For this test, it is critical that you are able to identify the functions of nouns.

(subject, direct object, destination, location, beneficiary, object of a preposition, etc.)

Review the various concepts of functions of nouns using such questions as:

- Who or what is verbing? (subject) - Who or what is getting verbed? (direct object) Etc.
- Is the item located in a position or is it being aimed at a target?
- Which prepositions govern which case? Etc.

Be able to name each case associated with each function.

- Ex.: Nominative marks the subject, accusative marks the direct object, etc.
- Which case marks target?, and which case marks location?
- Which prepositions govern which case?

Thoroughly familiarize yourself with the three (3) sets of declensional endings in German.

- Primary, Secondary, & Zero Endings.
- Be able to draw the three (3) charts from memory.

Be able to explain how each of the three (3) principles of adjective endings operates.

Prinzip I (primary + secondary endings)

Prinzip II (no determiner)

Prinzip III (determiners with a Ø (zero) ending)

Be sure you understand and can apply the three anomalies in the system.

- non-declining adjectives
- the special adjectives “viel” & “wenig”
- the exception in genitive

Be able to provide an analysis for each adjective chain that you create.

A full analysis consists of the following steps:

- Identify the function of the noun in the adjective chain (verbs & prepositions give big clues).
- Name the case that helps identify the function of the noun.
- (You'll also need to identify the gender of the noun.)
- Identify any determiner in the adjective chain, and identify any and all adjectives.
- Name the appropriate principle that governs the grammar combination of the particular instance.

Be able to apply all the information above.

- Translate sentences from English to German using correct adjective endings.
- Apply the appropriate steps of logic based on the system you have correctly memorized.