

HW Due Oct 30, der-die-das exercise

Last time in class, we played a little game who can name that article the fastest, *and tell me the rule* why it is, for example, “die Nase” and not “der Nase”. I have copied the cheat sheet again and removed the numbers, so you get used to memorizing each rule itself as opposed to the number. To learn the rules, we practice some more.

Below, write the proper German article in front of the German word, write the rule that applies behind the word, and translate the German word into English. None of the words are new – they are all taken from the lists of the last three weeks, so you can go back to your notes, or remember the translation, or guess the English cognate, or you can go to the online dictionaries.

Example:

Sohn

der Sohn – referring to males - the son

der Winter – season – the winter

der Dackel – ending in –el - dachshund

die Oma – female person – the granny

der Deckel – ending in –el – the lid

das Aluminium – metals - aluminum

der August – month – August

der Balken – ending in –en – the beam

die Dunkelheit – ending in –heit –
ending in –heit - darkness

der Montag – weekday – Monday

die Heiterkeit – ending in keit - cheerfulness

die Kanne – ending in –e – can, pot

die Traurigkeit – ending in –keit - sadness

die Supernova – ending in –a - supernova

das Kindchen – diminutive – little kid

die Kellnerin – ending in –in – waitress

das Kindlein – diminutive – the baby

das Häuschen – diminutive – little house

das Spielen – derived from verb -

das Büchlein – diminutive – little book,
booklet

die Diva – ending in –a – the diva