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- ling	- ung
- ich	- ie or -e
- er (most!)	- ik
+ days, months, & seasons	+ cardinal numbers
	+ nouns borrowed from other languages
 <u>Neuter endings</u>	
- chen or lein	
- o	
+ young animals & people	
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