Nouns

Case	Function	Clue
nominative	subject or predicate nominative	does the action or is described
genitive	possessive	owns something 's; s'; of
dative	indirect object	answers *to or for whom* something is done
accusative	• direct object or • object of preposition	• is verbed or • look for preposition
ablative	• object of preposition	• look for preposition

1st declension

nom.	-a	-ae
gen.	-ae	-arum
dat.	-ae	-is
acc.	-am	-as
abl.	-ā	-is

The woman is bringing the farmer's daughters water in the house

Femina agricolae filiis aquam in villā portat

woman	subject (does the bringing)	nominative ending
farmer's	possessive (owns something)	genitive ending
daughter	indirect object (for whom the water is being brought)	dative ending
water	direct object (is brought)	accusative ending
house	object of preposition	ablative ending

NOTA BENE: some prepositions are followed by a noun in the accusative and some by a noun in the ablative. It will be a matter of memorizing to know which ones are which.