



German Course Outline

Unit 1. Building the basics

Chapter 1. Greetings, Gratitude, and Goodbyes

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express Gratitude
- Greet People
- Make Small Talk with Strangers
- Say Goodbye
- Learn About Adjective Endings
- Learn Definite and Indefinite Articles
- Learn Forms of the Verb **sein**
- Understand Patterns in Verb Formation

Chapter 2. Do You Speak English?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask and Tell What Language Someone Speaks
- Ask and Tell Where Someone is From
- Get Someone's Attention
- Learn Some Regular and Irregular Verbs
- Learn the modal verb **können**
- Learn to ask yes/no-questions and information questions

Chapter 3. Whats your name?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone's Name
- Introduce Yourself and Another Person
- Recognize Common German Names
- Respond to Introductions
- Say That You Are Not Someone or Something
- Learn Pronouns and their Declensions

- Learn Question Formation
- Learn the Conjugation and Spelling Rules for the Verb **heißen**
- Learn the Modal Verb **möchten**

Chapter 4. Getting Around

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for Directions
- Get Around Using Public Transportation in Germany
- Get Help Finding Places Using a Map
- Name Important Places and Facilities Around Town
- Understand Directions Given to You
- Learn the Declensions of the Indefinite and Definite Articles
- Learn the different conjugations of **haben** and **sein**
- Learn to apply verb conjugation rules to a variety of verbs
- Learn to use the modal verb **können**

Chapter 5. Shopping and Payment

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Count up to 99
- Deal with German Currency
- Negotiate Basic Transactions at Stores
- Apply Adjective Declension After the Indefinite and Definite Article
- Form Questions Using the Question Word **Wo** and **Was** and **Wieviel**
- Learn the Conjugation of **haben**
- Use the Stative Passive **Geschlossen** and **Geöffnet**
- Use the Verbs **kosten** , **suchen** , **nehmen** and **bekommen**



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Chapter 6. At the Restaurant

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- Order Drinks and Meals at a Restaurant
- Understand Common Phrases Used at a Restaurant
- Understand German Restaurant Etiquette
- Learn plural forms of nouns
- Learn the modal verb **mögen**
- Learn to form compound nouns
- Learn to use adjectives as nouns
- Learn to use regular and irregular verbs

Chapter 7. Numbers and Currency

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Deal With Large Numbers and Ordinal Numbers
- Discuss Payment Methods
- Handle Currency with Ease
- Learn to tell time
- Make Reservations at a Hotel and Check In
- Learn to form comparatives of adjectives
- Learn to the prepositions **mit** , **bei** , **für** and **ohne**
- Learn to use the phrase **es gibt**
- Learn to use the verb **helfen**
- Use **kein** for negation

Chapter 8. Getting Help

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accept or Decline Help
- Ask for and Offer Help
- Describe Emergency Situations
- Gain Knowledge of Emergency

Services in Germany

- Talk about how you feel physically
- Learn to use subordinate conjunctions
- Learn to use the formal imperative
- Practice the modal verbs **können** , **sollen** , and **möchten**
- Use dative constructions with **mir**
- Use possessive pronouns

Chapter 9. What Does That Mean?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Approach Someone with a Question
- Communicate One's Ability to Understand Something
- Inquire About Do's And Don'ts
- Inquire About the Meaning of a Word or Phrase
- Request to Repeat, Slow Down, or Speak Up
- Learn the irregular verbs **sehen** , **sprechen** , and **aussprechen**
- Learn the modal verbs **können** , **müssen** and **dürfen**
- Learn to use subordinate clauses with **ob**
- Learn to use the present perfect tense
- Learn to use the simple past form **war**

Chapter 10. Languages and Communication

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- Add Some Flavor to Your Speech and Sound Like a Native
- Become a Master-Builder of the German Language
- Break the Ice with Ease
- Recognize Some True and Some False German Friends



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- Learn subject-verb inversion
- Learn to make comparisons using **als** and **wie**
- Practice the simple past with **war**
- Practice using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions
- Use infinitive constructions with **zu**

Unit 2. Expanding the essentials

Chapter 1. People and Animals

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Address Family Members Using Kinship Terms
- Describe a Person's Appearance
- Describe a Pet's Appearance
- Refer to Different Pets
- Talk About Characteristics and Personality Types
- Apply Gender Agreement to Possessive Pronouns and Adjectives
- Express Possessives
- Learn about Different Plural Forms
- Learn the Dative Case Ending
- Use Separable Prefixes

Chapter 2. At Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Items Inside a House
- Describe Locations and Spatial Relations
- Name Different Colors
- Refer to Rooms and Locations in and Around a House
- Express Direction with **Hinein**,

Heraus, and More

- Form Compound Nouns
- Learn the Prefixes **Hell-** and **Dunkel-**
- Practice Forming Possesives
- Talk about Location Using the Verb **Stehen**

Chapter 3. Small Talk

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Social Events
- Politely Decline an Invitation
- Share Likes and Dislikes
- Talk About Different Types of Sports
- Talk About Hobbies
- Comfortably Use the Particles **denn** and **ja**
- Form Sentences with Direct Objects
- Use Ordinal Numbers
- Use the First Person Plural **Wir**
- Use the Second Person Informal Plural **Ihr**

Chapter 4. Dating

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone to Dance
- Establish Whether You Have Met Someone Before
- Inquire About Someone's Habits
- Introduce Yourself
- Strike Up a Conversation
- Express Preferences with **Lieber**
- Get to Know More Reflexive Verbs
- Reinforce the Use of Direct Objects
- Use the Past Tense



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Chapter 5. Eating and Cooking

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express Your Like or Dislike of Certain Foods
- Learn About Common German Foods
- Refer to Food Preparation Processes
- Talk About Different Meals
- Talk About the Ingredients of a Dish
- Reinforce the Past Tense
- Speak in the Passive Voice
- Use the Impersonal You **Man**

Chapter 6. Weather and Landscape

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe the Land
- Describe the Weather
- Discuss Activities Pertaining to Weather and Land
- Use Proper Measurement
- Express the Concept of “should” with **Soll** and **Sollte**
- Form Verbs in the Future Tense
- Learn More About Forming Compound Words
- Reinforce the Past Tense

Chapter 7. Shopping

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Inquire About Store Hours
- Talk About Clothing
- Talk About Different Types of Stores
- Talk About Groceries
- Understand German Sizing and Measurements
- Learn More About Separable Prefixes
- Reinforce Compound Words

- Use the Question Words **Wie viel** , **Welche** , **Wo** , and **Wann**

Chapter 8. Banking and Post Office

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Running Errands
- Invite Someone to Join You for an Activity
- Use Basic Banking and Financial Terms
- Use the Post Office
- Imply Verbs After “Must”
- Learn to Use Relative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Future Tense
- Use More Compound Words

Chapter 9. Leisure Activities

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Means of Getting Somewhere
- Make Plans for an Activity
- Remind Someone to Bring Something
- Suggest Going Somewhere
- Form More Compound Words
- Practice Informal Imperatives
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns
- Use Different Verbs in the Past Tense

Chapter 10. Sightseeing

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About and Discuss a Famous Person and Local History
- Ask to See Less Common Places
- Ask to See Well-Known Places
- State an Idea
- Learn the Impersonal Possessive Pronouns **Sein** and **Ihr**
- Practice the Different Words for



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“Should”

- Practice Using Different Verbs for Different Means of “Going”
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns
- Use the Verb **Gefallen**

Unit 3. Broadening boundaries

Chapter 1. Culture, Literature, and Art

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Artists and Their Work
- Say Whether You Are Familiar with Someone or Something
- Talk About Famous Authors and Books
- Talk About Local Music
- Learn Months and Their Gender
- Learn Some English Words Used in the German Language
- Learn the Gender Rule for Professions
- Practice the Plural Form for Mixed Gender Groups
- Use Dates

Chapter 2. History

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss the Country’s Origin
- Talk About Famous People in Local History
- Talk About Wars and Other Historical Events
- Express the Passive Voice in the Past Tense
- Form New Compound Words
- Learn the Months of the Year
- Practice the Simple Past Tense

- Use Dates

Chapter 3. At the Hospital

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Feelings of Pain or Illness
- Name a Kind of Medicine
- Respond to Medical Questions
- Form Subordinate Clauses Using **Dass**, **Denn**, and **Wenn**
- Practice the Formal Imperative Form
- Use the Present Tense to Refer to Ongoing Events That Began in the Past
- Use **Fehlen** to Inquire About Medical Issues

Chapter 4. Express Thoughts and Feelings

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe or Explain Your Emotions
- Express Feelings
- Offer Sympathy
- Differentiate Between the Two Uses of “If”: **Ob** and **Wenn**
- Differentiate Between the Uses of “When”: **Wenn**, **Wann**, and **Als**
- Form the Past Tense with the Verb **Sein**
- Learn to Use the Dative Case
- Reinforce the Use of Reflexive Verbs

Chapter 5. Higher Learning

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask What School Someone Attended
- Discuss Progress in a Study Program
- Inquire About a Field of Study
- Apply the Dative Ending to Words Following **Seit**
- Use **Dann** to Indicate Future Tense



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- Use **Seit** with a Present Tense Verb to Indicate Present Perfect Tense

Chapter 6. Name Origins

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Origin of a Name
- Comment on Someone's Name
- Describe the Nature of a Guest's Visit
- Identify Your Relationship with Someone
- Use Various Expressions to Introduce Someone
- Apply Gender Agreement to the Impersonal Pronoun "It"
- Learn the Phrase "To Remember" for Past Events
- Reinforce the Use of Dative and Accusative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Use of Passive With the Past Tense

Chapter 7. Dietary Restrictions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask If Someone Wants to Taste a Food
- Give Compliments on Food
- Talk About Hunger and Food Cravings
- Talk About One's Dietary Habits
- Talk About the Ingredients of a Dish
- Learn a Translation for "To Try"
- Learn the Structure **Lust haben auf** with a Noun
- Reinforce the Use of Gender Specific Relative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Use of Verbs in the Present Tense with **Seit**
- Use the Informal Imperative Form

Chapter 8. Physical Descriptions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Add Humor to a Situation
- Describe Someone's Appearance
- Express Uncertainty
- Apply Gender Agreement to the Phrase "The One That"
- Apply the Dative Case Modifications with the Verb "To Seem"
- Learn a Translation For "People"
- Reinforce the Use of the Preposition **An** With "To Remember" for Past Events

Chapter 9. Getting Ready for the Party

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Compliment Someone on Their Clothing or Appearance
- Express That One Event is Dependent on Another
- Say You Have to Verify Something
- Talk About Personal Care and Grooming
- Learn to Form Comparatives with **Als**
- Practice a Translation for "To Wear"
- Reinforce the Informal Imperative Verb Form
- Use the Reflexive Verb **Sich schminken**
- Use **Bevor**, **Während**, and **Nachdem** to Express a Sequence of Events

Chapter 10. Sports and Fitness

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Comment on an Activity and Its Effects
- Discuss Sport and Exercise Habits
- Invite Someone to Join a Group
- Practice Exceptional Uses of the



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Dative Case

- Practice Using **Sein** with Past Participles
- Use the Expression ... **Bescheid sagen**

Unit 4. Continuing with confidence

Chapter 1. Going Through Customs

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- Interact with Airport and Customs Employees
- Present and Request Identification
- Understand and Respond to Security Questions and Commands
- Form Imperatives with Separable Prefixes
- Form the Past Tense of Verbs with Separable Prefixes
- Practice Sentences with Implied Verbs
- Reinforce Formal and Informal Imperatives

Chapter 2. At the Hotel

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Check into and out of a Hotel
- Discuss Hotel Features and Services
- Express Future Desires
- Offer Help
- Express Time Beyond the Full Hour
- Learn a New Translation For “To Do”
- Learn the Prefix **Ab-**
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns
- Use the Passive Voice in the Present Tense

Chapter 3. Renting a Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accentuate the Positive Aspects of a Living Space
- Discuss Features of Homes or Apartments
- Inquire About Possible Homes
- Outline Steps to Take Before Moving In
- Form New Compound Nouns
- Learn a New Translation for “To Look At”
- Learn a New Way to Present Compound Nouns
- Learn the Prefix **Un-**
- Recognize Word Order Flexibility in German

Chapter 4. Utilities and Appliances

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for a Technician or Repairman
- Describe a Problem with a Utility or Appliance
- Discuss Setting up Utilities
- Establish a Time Frame for Services
- Give Contact and Billing Information
- Form the Passive Voice in the Present Tense
- Learn the Conditional Form of **Sein**
- Use Expressions with **Egal**
- Use the Preposition **Vorbei** as a Prefix

Chapter 5. Choosing a School

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Schooling Options
- Discuss the Consequences of a Decision
- Mention Hearsay



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- Talk About Features of Schools
- Learn the Phrase **Der Meinung sein**
- Learn the Prefix **Hin-**
- Practice Forming Comparatives
- Use the Conditional Verb Form
- Use the Expression **Nicht in Frage kommen**

Chapter 6. Emergency Situations

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe an Emergency Situation
- Express Fear and Urgency
- Request and Offer Emergency Aid
- Request or Provide an Address or Location
- Differentiate the Impersonal Pronoun Based on Gender and Case
- Learn a Translation for **Schwer**
- Reinforce the Imperative Form
- Use Prepositions of Place

Chapter 7. Household Chores

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Apologize and Ask for Forgiveness
- Ask Someone To Do a Chore
- Describe Feelings of Anger
- Express Annoyance
- Give an Excuse
- Derive Neuter Nouns from Action Verbs
- Form Tag Questions with **Oder**
- Reinforce the Future Tense with **Werden**
- Use the Dative Case with Verbs That Imply Giving

Chapter 8. At the Beauty Salon

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Beauty Salon Services
- Make and Ask About Appointments
- Request and Discuss Hair Styles
- Describe Having Something Done Using the Verb **Lassen**
- Learn the Past Perfect Tense
- Reinforce the Conditional Verb Form
- Use the Prefix **Dran** with Verbs
- Use **Zu** as an Infix

Chapter 9. Making Plans

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Certain Obligations
- Discuss When Events Occur
- Remind Someone of an Event
- Talk About a Person's Availability
- Differentiate Between the Two Meanings of "To Remember"
- Learn a Reflexive and a Non-Reflexive Translation for "To Prepare"
- Practice the Use of Word Order in German for Emphasis
- Reinforce the Passive Voice
- Use the Infixes **-zu-** and **-ge-** with Separable Verbs

Chapter 10. At the Movies

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Aspects of Movie Making
- Discuss a Movie or Acting
- Give a Contrary Opinion
- Learn to Imply Nouns in Established Context
- Reinforce the Simple Past
- Use the Expression **Mensch!**