



TEAM INTERNATIONAL

Learn German more easily



Foreword

A warm welcome to the Dresden University of Music. For most of us, this is a big step: a new country, a new culture and, above all, **a new language**. But don't worry, German may seem difficult at first, but **it's not impossible!**

We know exactly how difficult it is to juggle studying, competitions, work and learning the language. Nevertheless, German is **indispensable** in your everyday life in order to understand the lessons, work and socialise.

That's why your **Team International** offers you a new brochure **full of tips and methods** to help you learn German easily and without spending a lot of money. Always remember that there are many different ways to learn a language and the best way is - as with an instrument - **to practise regularly!**

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I. LEARN

- Vocabulary:



Some linguists say that you need to know at least 800 words to hold a conversation and 8,000 words to speak as well as a native speaker.

Our conclusion: Vocabulary is one of the foundations of your learning. The best way to learn easily is **to study every day**.

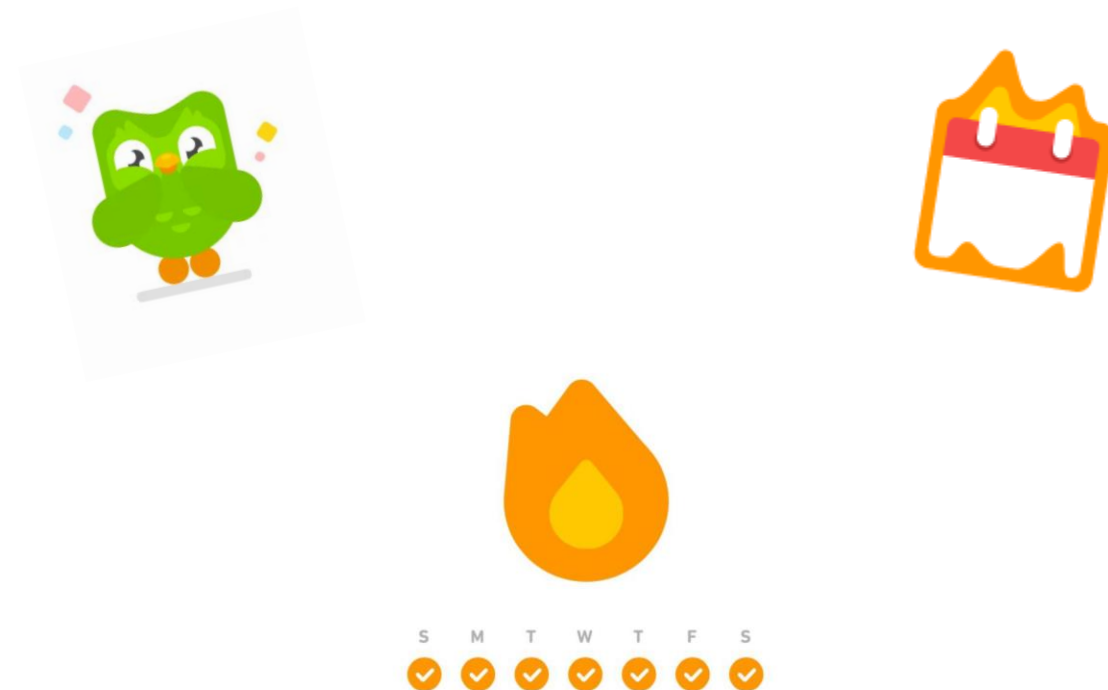
Make a note of words you don't know on your phone. Apps like Quizlet or Anki are specially designed for this purpose. There are also apps like Duolingo and Babbel that are recommended for beginners in language learning.

So the next time you're waiting for your bus to college or queuing for a room, take the opportunity to expand your vocabulary.

Another method is to place small notes on all the furniture and objects, with the German word

corresponding to the object in question. It's an easy way to learn German, step by step, without effort.

The last tip for daily learning is to set **your phone to German**. (Of course, you can always set your native language for certain apps).



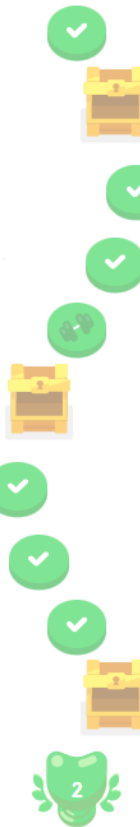
II. UNDERSTAND

- Understand it better to remember it better.

In German, there are many rules that are difficult to memorise. That's why you should try to understand them perfectly. And if you get tired, remember that there are many rules in German, but only a few exceptions!

Never stop asking questions. Why do you write an S? Is the word feminine or masculine?

How do you pronounce the word? All these questions will help you to understand the language better.



- Internet:

An answer for every question!
Here is the magic of the Internet. So don't hesitate any longer, all the answers are already there.

If you have a problem with something in German, there's a good chance that other people have had problems with it, and there's a good chance that someone has made a video to help you.

TIP: Still mixing up the articles?
Watch this video:

 [How to know a word's gender | Super Easy German](#)



- Youtube:

Here is a list of YouTube channels where you can learn German:

Level A1-B1:

- [Get Germanized](#)
- [Learn German with Anja](#)
- [lingoni GERMAN](#)
- [Andrea Thionville](#)
- [Lerne Deutsch](#)

Level B1-C1:

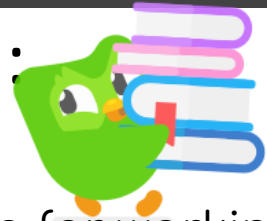
- [Karambolage von Arte](#)
- [Deutsch mit Marija](#)
- [Peter Heinrich](#)
- [GermanSkills](#)
- [Lingster Academy](#)
- [Deutsch mit Benjamin](#)
- [Dein Sprachcoach](#)

All levels:

- [Easy German](#)
- [Goethe-Institut](#)
- [Deutsch lernen mit der DW](#)



- Books for learning German:



German methods are a great help for working independently, with a prepared programme and online corrections.

There are different types of books. Here are the three main ones:

Daily German learning books:
Full of lessons and exercises of all kinds.
Type 'Menschen' or 'Schritte Plus' from Hueber

Grammar books:
that answer all your questions
for example 'Grammatik Aktiv' from Cornelsen

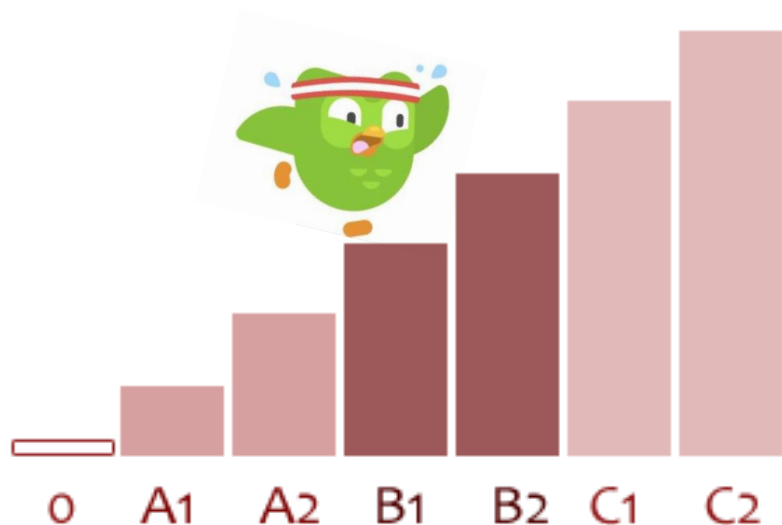
Method by listening:
which offers you daily audios.
for example the ASSIMIL method

A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2?

- Test your German level:

Before you buy the books, you should still check your knowledge of German. Here is a list of links that offer free tests.

- [Deutsch Perfekt](#)
- [Verein für berufliche Weiterbildung](#)
- [Goethe-Institut](#)



III. WRITE

- My diary:



Writing a diary is **a fantastic exercise** for learning German.

It will help you to:

- expand your **vocabulary**
- have a better understanding of **syntax**
- relax from the **difficulties** of the day

Don't hesitate to copy the sentences you want using the translator. However, pay attention to the translator!

- Translator:



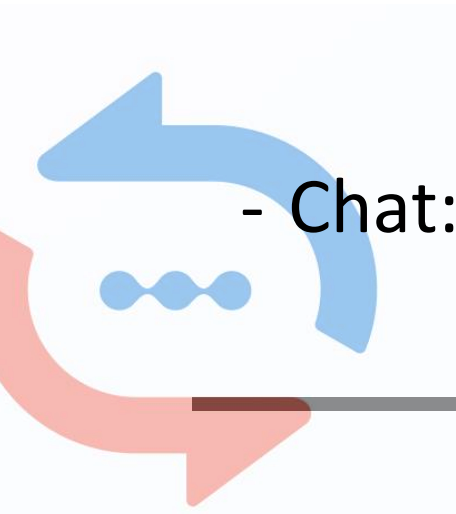
For the translation I recommend [Deepl](#).

To understand **the exact meaning** of a word: [Reverso Context](#) and [Pons](#).

If you want to **scan on text**, use the [Google-Übersetzer](#).

TIP: Write down **the new vocabulary**, look at its context and try to write sentences with each new word at the end of the week.

- Chat:



You don't like writing a diary? No problem. Thanks to many apps like **TANDEM** (for [Apple Store](#) and [Play Store](#)), you can always find people to chat to.

If you're really not at ease with people, you can also chat to **an artificial intelligence**. The most important thing is to practise.

- Exercises:

Here's a **goldmine just for you**. All of the following exercises are **free** and will teach you a lot.

Worksheets:

- Deutsch Lernen	(A1-C2)
- Luisa Martinelli	(A2-C2) Cloze texts with multiple answers
- Deutsch und deutlich	With texts, grammar, vocabulary exercises, exams...

Goethe Institute:

- 45 Übungsangebot	(A1 - B2)
- Deutsch Für Dich	(A1 - C1) Texts and questions with comments from other internet users, free registration
- Deutsch üben	(A1 - B2) Exercises, games, videos and help



IV. REED

Reading will help you discover new vocabulary and memorise what you've already heard.



- Library:

To find your happiness, I recommend [the Central Library](#), which is located in the Kulturpalast, to borrow books.

- Children's books or comics
 - Magazines
 - Dictionaries for official exams
 - Cookery recipes
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- Books and articles:

For free digital books and comics, I recommend :

- [Webtoon](#) (comics)
- the books of the [Goethe-Instituts](#)
- [Goethe Magazine](#)

You can also buy many second-hand books at [Medimops](#).

Bilingual books are highly recommended:
[Bilingual Picturebooks](#).

[Deutsch Perfekt](#) is a magazine specially designed for learning German.

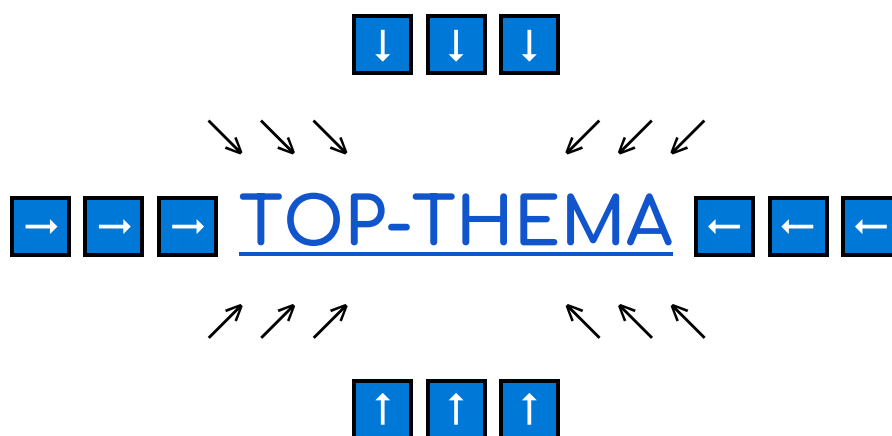


V. LISTEN

Babies learn language by listening to their parents.
Don't underestimate auditory training.

- Radio/Podcast:

On Top-Thema you will find [all the latest news](#) with audio exercises, manuscript, vocabulary list, questions and corrections!



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- [Ticket nach Berlin](#) (In cooperation with Deutsche Welle)
 - [Das Deutschlandlabor](#) (20 videos with questions, manuscript and vocabulary - from A2)
 - ["Kurz und bündig"](#)
 - ["Superfrauen"](#)

- Song-App:

- LIRICA: Songs with cloze text ([Apple](#) - [Google](#))
- LINGOCLIP ([Apple](#) - [Google](#))
- [Deine Band](#) (Videos and exercise materials)

- Audiobooks:

- [Die Onleihe](#) (eLibrary) of the Goethe-Institut libraries



VI. Where can I take my German exam?



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