



Beginners' German



Willkommen!

Required starting level

This class is designed for complete beginners who want to acquire a basic knowledge of German and to communicate in practical situations. No previous knowledge is required, just the willingness to have a go and learn.

Aims & working methods

The aim of the course is to provide you with basic speaking and listening skills which will increase your confidence in using German. There will also be a few reading and writing activities.

It is suitable for those wanting to learn for fun or for those who want to start their journey of discovering the German language. There is no formal testing.

Together we will explore the German language in a relaxed, friendly and supportive atmosphere. The sessions involve a great variety of activities like working in pairs or groups, playing games, performing role-plays and listening to CDs.

Textbooks

Textbooks are not required to start with. There will be hand-outs.

What to bring to class

You should bring a pen, a notebook and an A4 folder for the hand-outs.

Homework

You will have regular homework involving preparation, grammar or written exercises.

Topic areas

Topics will include the alphabet, numbers, greetings and introductions, talking about yourself and your family, getting to know people, speaking about occupations, nationalities, days and months, the weather, shopping for food, understanding prices, ordering food and drink, paying the bill, inquiring about places in town and understanding directions, and learning about traditions and customs.

Emphasis will be on vocabulary, pronunciation, verbs and grammar, starting simply and gradually increasing knowledge and confidence.

Next Steps

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over three terms.

On completion of the course, you may feel inspired to continue studying German and join the Improvers' course the following year.