

Elementary German – 101

This course requires no previous knowledge of German. In German 101 emphasis is placed on pronunciation, high-frequency vocabulary building, basic grammar, and conversation. Reading and listening materials, conversations and lectures have been selected to reflect culturally calibrated applications of German today.

Objectives

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Produce and understand short, memorized phrases
- Ask questions or make statements with reasonable accuracy using memorized utterances
- Read isolated words and phrases, personal and place names, street signs, office and shop designations
- Write own name, nationality, address, etc., such as on a hotel registration form

Materials

Living Language German, Essential Edition: Beginner course, including coursebook, 3 audio CDs, and free online learning; *Indicative (amazon.com) price: \$26.86.*

Topics

UNIT#	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY
1	The German Alphabet Pronunciation of letters	Phonemes Two-letter combinations Three-letter combinations	Simple words and phrases
2	Greetings Introductions Basic information exchange (name, origin)	Personal pronouns Verb 'to be' in present Word order in the sentence Simple sentence/question structure	Greetings A few country names Days of the week
3	Exchanging health information Introducing sb. to sb. else Thanks	The particle 'denn' The Indefinite Article Verb 'to do' — Present tense	Numbers 0-10 Months Seasons
4	Exchanging country & region info 'Where do you live?'	Using the prefix 'un' Negation 'nicht' & 'kein'	More countries and cities Some German cities
5	Counting, using numbers Affirmative & negative answers	Time prepositions 'am' & 'im' Nominative & Accusative case Verb 'to have' – present tense	Numbers 11-100 Telling time
6	Address and phone information Occupation information	Possessive pronouns Possessive adjectives	Professions (masc., fem.) Numbers 101-1,000
7	Language information Family and personal information	Personal pronouns in Accusative Stating reason using 'nämlich'	Languages Family situation Basic family tree
8	Exchanging price info 'How do we say... in German?' 'What does... mean?' Expressing liking and disliking	Prepositions for place 'ins' & 'in die' Dative case: Personal pronouns; Articles; Possessive pronouns Prepositions and interrogatives for Dative	Currency Numbers 2,000-1 billion Calendar and dates Expression 'es gibt'
9	Exchanging information about identity of other people Nationality Describing people Describing objects	Two-way prepositions and describing location Expressing time with prepositions Action verbs Comparison and contrast	Nationality nouns Miscellaneous objects Adjectives for persons and objects