



Language classes

It is worthwhile learning the German language before entering Germany. Find German courses in your area.

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Key facts at a glance



German

is the most commonly spoken
mother tongue in Europe



Around 130 million people

worldwide speak German as a
first or second language



German is an official language

of Germany, Austria, Belgium,
Luxembourg, Switzerland and
Liechtenstein

Initially, you will be able to get by in English in many parts of Germany. However, it is essential to learn German if you plan to stay in the country on a fairly long-term basis. You will quickly find that it is difficult to get by without German, especially at work, when dealing with the authorities, when shopping or in your private life. Learning German is therefore highly recommended. Ideally, you should start learning the language in your home country.

You can start learning at the [Goethe-Institut](#), for example, since the cultural institution of the Federal Republic of Germany is responsible for promoting the German language and culture. To this end, the Goethe-Institut offers German courses at 151 locations in Germany and abroad. To find a Goethe-Institut near you, go to our [overview of advisory and contact points](#). The Goethe-Institut's German certificates are officially recognised for many different purposes.

How to find quality language schools abroad

The Goethe-Institut has compiled [quality criteria for language schools abroad](#) which you can use to identify language schools that offer good German courses abroad.

Looking for other ways to learn online? Here you will find a range of options:

Test your German:

Vocabulary building and much more

- The [vocabulary trainer app](#) helps you learn new words at different levels. You can review vocabulary using the index card system or work with a German course using flashcards from the learning platform.
- Deutsche Welle's "[Nicos Weg](#)" series allows you to improve your knowledge of German. Here you will find video, audio, text and grammar exercises. You will also learn important expressions and words that you can use when communicating about different topics.
- "[Profis gesucht](#)" (Looking for professionals) is a training programme provided by Deutsche Welle that prepares learners for professional communication, particularly in vocational training occupations. Videos, interactive exercises and practical lessons teach typical phrases and specialised vocabulary for various industries.

? Online exercises for workplace German

The **Goethe-Institut** offers a wide range of [online exercises for communication in the workplace](#) . These exercises allow professionals to gain an insight into everyday working life in Germany. In addition to general German exercises, the Goethe-Institut also offers exercises for specific professions, such as German for social or technical professions, for the skilled trades and crafts, for the office, for the service sector or for the cultural sector.

Learning German in Germany

Once you have arrived in Germany, there are several ways to improve your language skills with courses that are right for you:

- **Job-related German courses:** Through the [Federal Office for Migration and Refugees \(BAMF\)](#), you can enrol in vocational language courses for free or at reduced rates, depending on your situation. Please get in touch with the [contact person](#) in your region.

- **Integration courses** are courses for language and general orientation. They cover everyday topics such as the workplace and professions, shopping, television and radio or childhood education.
- **Adult education centres:** the **adult education centers**, located in most German cities, offer an affordable alternative to more expensive programmes. Check the website of the adult education center for locations near you and the range of courses on offer.
- **Goethe-Institut:** at all **Goethe-Institut** locations in Germany, you can take language courses (online and on-site), refresher courses and exams from levels A1 to C2, as well as exam preparation courses.
- **Courses for children and adolescents:** German courses are offered for all ages, and they are tailored to the specific interests and language skills of children and adolescents. You can find more details on **this website**.



Practising German in everyday life

Other ways to improve your German are to find a regulars' table/language café, a tandem partner or a club (sport, music, etc.) where you can practise your German and chat with other German learners or native speakers in an informal setting.

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Information on the web

German Education Server

Here is where you can find an overview of public and private options for learning German

Network IQ

IQ specialist office for occupational German

NETZWERK Unternehmen integrieren Flüchtlinge

Vocabulary pamphlets for various professions and languages



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