

## Online-Course

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### You want to learn German by yourself?

### Do you need something alongside your course to nail down the grammar?

Then you're at the perfect spot. We'll go over all the grammar and step by step we'll discover how this weird yet fascinating language works.

#### What order should I read this in?

You learn best when you learn something you're interested in. So the course is divided into subjects and you can just pick whatever you want. If you're used to textbooks this might be weird at first, but I think it makes the most sense this way. Just read whatever you like... as long as you have the basics down.

#### I'm a complete beginner.. Where should I start?

Start with the essentials. That'll give you all the grammar you really need to go out and start talking to people.

## The Essentials

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[Personal pronouns](#) - Learn the basis German personal pronouns like I, you, we and so on...

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[Verb 1 - present tense](#) - Learn how to conjugate about 98 percent of all German verbs in present tense

[Verb 2 - present tense](#) - well... the other 4 ... uh I mean 2%

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[Past Tense 1](#) - an introduction to the German past tense

[Past Tense 2](#) - learn how to build the ge-form and when to use haben or sein

Past Tense 3 - yet to come

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[Questions 1](#) - learn how to ask questions in German... part one deals with all the question

## Cases and such

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[What are cases](#) - find out what cases are, why they exist, how they are in other languages and what cases and prepositions have in common (except that they suck)

[German cases explained 1](#) - find out about the two German cases no one cares about. The bland nominative and the shunned Genitive. But who knows... maybe there is more to them after all??

[German cases explained 2](#) - mich, mir... accusative, dative... find out what's up with those once and for all.

[German Adjective Endings 1](#) - you want to get the endings right? Why not start today!? with this convenient starter kit you can get about 40% correct ... and you don't even have to bother about gender or case.

words like was, wo, wer, wie, wann and so on... in detail :)

[Questions 2](#) - learn how to ask so called open questions ... those without question words.

Questions 3 - yet to come

***German Adjective Endings 2*** - The second step to mastery of the German adjective declension will get you another 40% there with not so much of an effort.

***German Adjective Endings 3*** - This one fixes the few mistakes that are still there... if you have 2 minutes to think, that is :). Seriously, it's worth reading just to know what's going on, but getting it right while speaking... no explanation can do that. Just talk and read and it'll come :)

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## Sentence Structure and Word Order Grammar Jargon

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***The Box Model*** - A broad look at what a sentence consists of leads us to the Box Model (©me). The box model is really helpful at understanding and breaking down even the most difficult German sentences. It will be theory and a lot of English but it is definitely worth the read.

***What the heck is "to conjugate"*** - Conjugation is one of the things you are confronted with in any language class... unless you learn Swedish. It is pretty simple and the term might sound familiar to you but maybe you can't quite put your finger on what exactly it means. So if you need an update on that... check out the link above.

***What the heck are preposition*** - The term is thrown around a lot in language courses and you need them everyday in German and English... and they cause a lot of trouble for language learners. Misuse of prepositions is one of the biggest source of error in German and it is by far the most confusing... get a case wrong ... well ok. But get a preposition wrong and it might alter meaning.

This article won't solve all these problems but it will explain, what prepositions do, how to recognize them, compare German and English ones and answers the question whether prepositions are necessary at all :).

***What the heck does "transitive" and "intransitive" mean?*** - This opinionated post... well.. rant takes a look at the terms transitive and intransitive. We'll see what it means and if it is really necessary to use these words...

***What the heck are adverbs?*** - Textbooks, teachers, Ted Cruz... everyone uses the term without even asking whether people actually understand what it is. Here's a thorough analysis of adverbs in general as well as a look at what's special about them in German.

[What the heck are subordinating conjunctions?](#)

This intense post tries to figure out just what are conjunctions. And we'll go much deeper than the usual book definition. Because conjunctions have a lot in common with another bunch of words. And we'll see what's up with these things in German, which is kind of really interesting because it touches the secret why the verb moves.

(Spoiler: they stink)

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## Time

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**Time 1** - an insightful (or so I hope) introduction about what ways there are to give time information

**Time 2** - Learn how to say the time of day

**Time 3** - *Learn all those "names" for time like today, tomorrow, last week and how to use them*

**Time 4.1** - Learn all those vague words like soon, later, at some point and so on... part one looks into the future

**Time 4.2** - And more.... vague words for the past... like just now, recently, a while ago, earlier and so on

**Time 5.1** - Time preposition and how to use them... so things like in, since, for  
**Time 5.2** - the rest of the prepositions... shame on me, but this is still pending

**Time 6** - learn how to coordinate actions in time... we'll look at words like before, after, while and others... it is long but I swear it is worth it

*Last but not least ones I haven't categorized yet:*

- **Reflections on reflexive** - This post takes a look at what "reflexive" actually means. Then we'll take a look at English and compare that to how it works on German and do away with some myths they teach in language class sometimes. After reading this, you see German reflexive verbs in a different light... they aren't that hard actually.

*Oh and what's up with the colors?* They should give you an orientation what the article is like...

: Rated G. This is basic stuff that you can use and apply even as a complete beginner without knowledge about cases or sentence structure

: This is the core of German grammar and structure. Having read the green stuff you know enough to speak proper German (of course you need to practice)

: These articles are more theoretical look at German... no... not the boring theoretical, the insightful one... so those are not about "How do I do this and that" but more about the "Whhhhyyyyyyyy???" ... they give you useful background and organize things a little.

: Rated Nerd. This is advanced stuff. You can speak German fluently without any of this but you will need it for writing and if you want to pass language tests higher than the B2.