German to go
Learn German for free with DW
The fun way to learn German

You decide what’s the best way to learn German with DW. Take your pick – maybe a websoap or a challenging online course? Podcasts, audio or video content? Or just get back to basics with written exercises and worksheets. Learn German for free – anytime and anywhere. Our wide-range of courses will take your German to the next level.

And because learning alone isn’t that much fun, you can always find people who share your enthusiasm for the German language in our online community.

Quick start

In this section, we offer you a quick and easy way to find out which of our courses is best suited to your language skills. Go to dw.com/learngerman/quickstart to begin.

Our Course Finder shows you all of the courses we have to offer. You can find out which courses are offered in your native language, what level of proficiency you will need for each course and whether it is audio, video or e-learning material.

dw.com/learngerman/coursefinder

Use our Placement Test to find out how good your German is already. You will be tested on grammar, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension. Test results will show your level of comprehension with regards to the Common European Framework of Reference and suggest which courses would best suit you.

dw.com/learngerman/placementtest

Why not get started right away?
It’s easy to get going – there is something for every skill level:

A1 Getting started
Learn simple sayings and sentences and how to describe things like where you live and what you like to do.

A2 Conveying simple information
You can convey ideas about simple topics and describe your wants and needs – like when shopping.

B1 Ready for everyday life
You can deal with most situations when traveling in Germany. You can talk about experiences and events and clarify your point of view.

B2 Convincing in conversation
You can speak spontaneously and fluently. You can follow entire discussions with native speakers and read articles and documents. You can present your opinions on abstract ideas.

C1 Routine communication
You speak German with confidence and flexibility in your free time, at school or on the job. You understand long, challenging articles and documents without any difficulty.

C2 Easy to cope with challenges
You understand everything that you read and hear. You express yourself spontaneously and fluently and you can present information comprehensively.
Community D
Learn German with DW's online community

You can contact us directly through Facebook: On our fan page, you can ask experienced German students questions or help beginners with tricky problems. We regularly update our Facebook page with news, vocabulary, brain teasers and competitions. Above all, you'll find like-minded people who share the same interest in learning German. facebook.com/dw.learngerman

If you like DW's German courses, then follow us on Twitter: We're tweeting German questions and answers, video links, words of the week, daily vocabulary and more. twitter.com/dw_learngerman

You can also learn German with videos on our YouTube channel. Develop your skills with news reports, a soap opera, music videos and much more along with links to exercises and teaching materials. Start learning now: youtube.com/dwlearngerman

Community D – das Porträt puts the spotlight on German teachers and students around the world, exploring what motivates them to learn and teach the language. dw.com/dasportraet

Audiotrainer
100 audio lessons to build your vocabulary

With DW's award-winning Audiotrainer, you can learn fundamental German vocabulary and improve your pronunciation, too. With 100 useful lessons, you will learn how to ask questions and otherwise go about everyday German life with confidence. You can download every episode as an MP3 or subscribe to the podcast. Our Audiotrainer lets you progress at your own pace.

DW collaborated with the German publishing house Goethe-Verlag to bring you the Audiotrainer.

Awards
Edublog Awards 2010
E-Learning Awards 2011

Languages
Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

Accompanying material
Worksheets and a workbook (available for purchase at www.book2.de)

Awards
Edublog Awards 2010
Deutsch Aktuell

Learn German with the news

We regularly take DW news and features and tweak them to accommodate students’ needs. The programming both imparts knowledge of practical German and keeps students up to date on international news.

Our Top-Thema category offers easy-to-follow reports on politics, culture, science and business. The reports are sure to improve students’ listening comprehension.

dw.com/topthema

Our Video-Thema section is regularly updated with authentic DW videos that we’ve bundled with scripts and learning exercises. Improve your vocabulary with interesting TV pieces on a wide range of topics. You will learn how to quickly and correctly grasp spoken German.

dw.com/videothema

You might also want to try langsamen gesprochenen Nachrichten – the slowly-spoken news. The news reader speaks at a reduced pace so students can easily follow along.

dw.com/langsamenachrichten

Deutsch im Fokus

Made especially for German pros

Take a closer look at the German language.

Alltagsdeutsch strengthens advanced students’ comprehension with humorous reports taken from daily life. The program will expose you to colloquial speech and the German way of life.

dw.com/alltagsdeutsch

What do Germans mean when they say “give someone a basket?” and how can love “go through the stomach?” Das sagt man so! introduces interesting German idioms and sayings while explaining the context in which they are used.

dw.com/dassagtmanso

Our Sprachbar is a meeting place for German connoisseurs. Articles and audio programs cover everything from Goethe’s verse to German ads – everything that makes German a lively and exciting language.

dw.com/sprachbar

DW’s Wort der Woche enriches your vocabulary with colorful German words updated every week.

dw.com/wortderwoche

Language

German

Accompanying material

Written scripts, vocabulary aids, exercises and a news glossary
Jojo sucht das Glück
The websoap for learning German

Join Jojo as she searches for success, love and happiness! Season three of the successful series is packed with new adventures for this young Brazilian woman in Cologne – and this time around, Jojo’s mental and physical resolve will be put to the test. She is trying to get ahead at her agency and runs into trouble, she helps a friend who is struggling and also meets an old love – which really turns her life upside down.

With Jojo sucht das Glück, you will learn German from a different perspective. Three seasons consisting of 33 episodes each in combination with language exercises provide a fun and easy way to improve your German skills. Who would have thought that German could also be the language of love?

Language
German

Accompanying material
Interactive exercises, written scripts with glossaries, worksheets and lesson tips for teachers, wallpapers and ringtones

Awards
D-ELINA 2011 – German E-Learning Innovation and Young Academics Award
E-Learning Awards 2012

Das Bandtagebuch mit EINSCHOCH6
Learn German with music

Discover Germany and German hip-hop: The Munich based rap group EINSCHOCH6 wants to take you with them on a video tour across Germany. Join them in the recording studio, experience a soccer game, see the Berlin Wall or visit a traditional Christmas market. Exclusive songs, interactive exercises and lesson materials make the 53 episodes a fun and unique way to learn German.

Experience the Bandtagebuch live: In cooperation with EINSCHOCH6, DW offers workshops for students and teachers all over the world. And to sweeten the deal, the band is there to perform local concerts, too. You can find more information on the website!

Language Version
German

Accompanying material
Interactive exercises, written scripts with vocabulary aids, worksheets and lesson tips for teachers, wallpapers and ringtones

Awards
MEDEA Awards 2013
Comenius EduMedia Award 2014
Das Deutschlandlabor
A journey of discovery across Germany!

Do Germans eat sausage every day? Does every German own an expensive car? What is the relationship between Germans and fashion? Does everything in Germany really function perfectly and is there poverty in the country?

Nina and David, hosts of the video series Deutschlandlabor, are travelling across Germany and meeting people along the way who are helping them find answers to these questions. Everyone from ordinary people on the street to qualified experts provide surprising insights. In 20 episodes, the series explores different facets of life in Germany and showcases the diversity of German society.

The series is a cooperation between DW and the Goethe Institut with support from the German Foreign Ministry.

Languages
German

Accompanying material
Interactive Exercises, written scripts with vocabulary aids, worksheets and lesson tips for teachers

dw.com/deutschlandlabor

Harry – gefangen in der Zeit
A multimedia German course for beginners

It is a scorching hot day in April and Harry is on a bike tour in the Black Forest with his German girlfriend Julia. But one morning Julia is gone and Harry finds himself in a very strange situation where he lives the same day over and over again. Help Harry learn German so he can find his way out of this time loop!

In 100 exciting and uniquely animated episodes you will be taken on a wild journey and together with Harry you will learn about the German language and people. Every episode includes interactive exercises, vocabulary and grammar aides, cultural information and creative ideas for language lessons.

Languages
English

Accompanying material
Written scripts, worksheets and lesson tips for teachers

dw.com/learngerman/harry
Find out about German language and culture
Radio D

The exciting lives of radio reporters

Take an entertaining approach to learning German with Radio D. Radio reporters Paula and Philipp travel all over Germany investigating mysterious cases. Follow their adventures in two series of 26 episodes each. Moderators in each episode provide commentary and highlight noteworthy grammar and vocabulary.
dw.com/learngerman/radiod

Languages: Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, English, Farsi, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Kiswahili, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish and Urdu

Accompanying material: Written scripts and a printable exercise book

Mission Europe

Mystery-adventure with 26 thrilling episodes

Mission Europe is a spine-tingling mystery series that makes learning German fun. Help Anna stop the dangerous time gangsters and learn German on Mission Berlin. You can practice your listening comprehension and learn useful everyday words at the same time. This multimedia adventure emphasizes the fundamentals of German language, geography and history. On Mission Paris and Misja Kraków you can continue with Mission Europe by taking a chance at learning French and Polish.
dw.com/learngerman/missioneurope

Languages: Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, English, French, Greek, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian

Accompanying material: Radio scripts, printable exercise book, wallpaper and ringtones


Deutsch – warum nicht?

The classic audio course in multiple languages

Deutsch – warum nicht! tells the story of journalism student Andreas and his invisible friend Ex in four series of 26 installments each. Each lesson comes with dialogues, grammatical explanations, exercises and downloadable audio files. The program is available in 28 different languages.
dw.com/learngerman/warumnicht

Languages: Albanian, Amharic, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Dari, English, French, German, Greek, Hausa, Hindi, Indonesian, Kiswahili, Macedonian, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian and Urdu

Accompanying material: Written scripts and a printable exercise book

Deutsch Interaktiv

Log in and get going

DW’s online German course features exercises and picture galleries along with audio and video content to let students mix and match learning methods. We also offer grammar and pronunciation guides as well as a 7,000+ word dictionary designed to make learning easier. You can even set up a personal learning profile for free. Once you do so, our platform will save your results and guide you through the course. The idea is to help students organize their study time and motivate them to stick to their learning goals.
dw.com/learngerman/deutschinteraktiv

Languages: German, English and Russian

Accompanying material: Interactive exercises, dictionaries, grammar aids, learning tips and worksheets
Dialektatlas

Listen in on German dialects

With the Dialektatlas you can take a linguistic journey and experience the rich variety of the German culture and language from Bavaria to Hamburg and everywhere in between. There's more than one way to say hallo! dw.com/dialektatlas

Language: German

Accompanying material: Accompanying texts

Ticket nach Berlin

The adventure game show

Two teams with one goal – Ticket nach Berlin! Be there when six young students hit the road and go on an adventure across Germany. Along with exciting video episodes you'll get interactive exercises on grammar, vocabulary and culture. dw.com/ticket

Language: German

Accompanying material: Interactive exercises, written scripts with vocabulary aids, worksheets and lesson tips for teachers

Awards: Nominated for Grimme Online Award 2014

Stadtbilder

Germany from city to city

There are more than 2,000 cities in Germany and with the online platform Stadtbilder (city portraits) you can pay a virtual visit to some of the most popular and captivating. Along with interesting facts and figures, we also offer videos and educational worksheets with tasks and tips on must-see attractions.

dw.com/stadtbilder

Language: German

Accompanying material: Written scripts with vocabulary aids
Practical tools for teaching German
Are you a German teacher in need of stimulating lesson plans? Then you’ve come to the right place. All of DW’s German courses can be easily adapted for use in the classroom. Extra materials like vocabulary lists and radio show transcripts can help instructors teach with DW material.

We offer fully-prepared lesson plans for teachers that compliment our Top- and Video-Themen, which are perfect for improving listening comprehension. Lesson plans also include comprehensive teaching units covering German culture complete with exercises. And teachers can make learning German more fun by using our lighthearted online soap opera, Jojo sucht das Glück.

We also provide strategies for success in the classroom such as workshops and presentations on a variety of subjects. We offer a range of unique learning tools including multimedia lessons, how to apply social media to studying language and learning German with music.

Our Deutschlehrer-Info section is updated every week and contains interesting information on the German language and effective strategies for teaching.
We ensure that everyone – from beginners to professionals – will be able to find a course to meet their needs. DW German courses are available in 30 languages and differing skill levels.

Make use of our international media experience. We have been a reliable source of information for more than 60 years and a recognized expert in the areas of language, life and culture. We offer you the perfect mix of information and learning – something that our editors have created with you in mind.