

20 Essential German Sentences for Beginners

A practical A1 workbook for everyday
conversations

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What You'll Learn

Use this workbook to review the lesson and practice producing the German before looking at the answers.

PRACTICE GOAL

Build enough recall to use these sentences in simple everyday situations.

- ✓ greet someone and say goodbye
- ✓ make a simple polite request
- ✓ introduce yourself
- ✓ ask about a price
- ✓ ask someone how they are
- ✓ explain that you speak only a little German
- ✓ explain when you do not understand
- ✓ ask whether someone speaks English
- ✓ ask for help



PRACTICE TIP

Say each phrase aloud before looking at the answer. Active recall makes the phrases easier to use naturally.

Greetings & First Conversations

01 / 04

Five phrases for opening a simple, polite conversation.

— GREETING

Hallo.

Hello.

— GREETING

Guten Morgen.

Good morning.

— GREETING

Guten Tag.

Good day.

— GREETING

Guten Abend.

Good evening.

— INTRODUCTION

Wie heißen Sie?

What is your name?

SAY IT OUT LOUD

Read the German first. Check the English only after you try.

Introductions & Wellbeing

02 / 04

Introduce yourself and handle a simple first exchange.

INTRODUCTION

Ich heiße Anna.

My name is Anna.

CONVERSATION

Wie geht es Ihnen?

How are you?

CONVERSATION

Mir geht es gut.

I'm doing well.

UNDERSTANDING

Ich verstehe nicht.

I don't understand.

UNDERSTANDING

Können Sie das bitte wiederholen?

Could you please repeat that?

SAY IT OUT LOUD

Read the German first. Check the English only after you try.

Understanding & Asking for Help

03 / 04

Keep the conversation moving when you need clarification or assistance.

UNDERSTANDING

Was bedeutet das?

What does that mean?

HELP

Können Sie mir helfen?

Can you help me?

LOCATION

Wo ist die Toilette?

Where is the restroom?

REQUEST

Ich möchte einen Kaffee.

I would like a coffee.

REQUEST

Ich hätte gern ein Wasser.

I would like a water.

SAY IT OUT LOUD

Read the German first. Check the English only after you try.

Shopping, Language Help & Goodbye

04 / 04

Use these phrases for prices, language support and ending a conversation.

SHOPPING

Wie viel kostet das?

How much does that cost?

LANGUAGE HELP

**Ich spreche nur ein
bisschen Deutsch.**

I only speak a little German.

LANGUAGE HELP

Sprechen Sie Englisch?

Do you speak English?

GOODBYE

Bis später.

See you later.

GOODBYE

Auf Wiedersehen.

Goodbye.

Two Easy Ways to Make a Polite Request

Both patterns are useful in everyday situations. Keep the structure simple and change only what you need.

REQUEST PATTERN

Ich möchte ...

I would like ...

EXAMPLE

Ich möchte einen Kaffee.

I would like a coffee.

REQUEST PATTERN

Ich hätte gern ...

I would like ...

EXAMPLE

Ich hätte gern ein Wasser.

I would like a water.

QUICK TIP

Both patterns are polite and useful. Focus on saying the complete phrase smoothly rather than memorizing grammar rules.

TRY IT

Say one request for a drink and one request for an item you can see.

Fill in the Blank

01 / 03

Complete each German sentence before checking the answer key.

01

Ich _____ nicht.

02

Wie viel _____ das?

03

Können Sie mir _____?

04

Ich _____ nur ein bisschen Deutsch.

05

Sprechen Sie _____?

**SAY IT OUT LOUD**

After filling in the blanks, read all five sentences aloud without looking back at the phrase pages.

Translate into German

02 / 03

Say the German answer aloud first. Then write it down.

01 What is your name?

02 I don't understand.

03 Can you help me?

04 I would like a coffee.

05 How much does that cost?

06 I only speak a little German.

07 Do you speak English?

08 Goodbye.

SPEAK FIRST

Try to produce the German before your pen touches the page.

Put It Into a Real Conversation

03 / 03

Imagine you are in a shop in Germany. Build the interaction step by step without looking back at the phrase pages.

1

Greet the person.

2

Explain that you speak only a little German.

3

Ask whether they speak English.

4

Say that you would like an item.

5

Ask how much it costs.

6

Say thank you.

7

Say goodbye.



YOUR TURN

Say the whole interaction from beginning to end. Pause only when you genuinely need to recall the next phrase.

Mini Final Quiz

Can you remember the German before checking the answers?

01

What would you say if
you do not understand?

02

What would you say if
you want the person to repeat something?

03

What would you say if
you need help?

04

What would you say if
you want a coffee?

05

What would you say if
you want to know the price?

06

What would you say if
you speak only a little German?

07

What would you say if
you are leaving formally?

RULE

Answer aloud first. Use the answer key only after you commit to an answer.

Answer Key

Check your answers only after you have tried to recall the German yourself.

PRACTICE 1

1. verstehe

2. kostet

3. helfen

4. spreche

5. Englisch

PRACTICE 2

1. Wie heißen Sie?

5. Wie viel kostet das?

2. Ich verstehe nicht.

6. Ich spreche nur ein bisschen Deutsch.

3. Können Sie mir helfen?

7. Sprechen Sie Englisch?

4. Ich möchte einen Kaffee.

8. Auf Wiedersehen.

FINAL QUIZ

1. Ich verstehe nicht.

5. Wie viel kostet das?

2. Können Sie das bitte wiederholen?

6. Ich spreche nur ein bisschen Deutsch.

3. Können Sie mir helfen?

7. Auf Wiedersehen.

4. Ich möchte einen Kaffee.

Keep Practicing

The goal is not to memorize everything at once. Repeat the phrases regularly, say them out loud, and try to recall the German before looking at the answer.

1

REPEAT

Return to the phrases and say them aloud.

2

RECALL

Hide the English and produce the German yourself.

3

SPEAK

Use the sentences in short real-life practice.

