

## General information

If you want to live in Germany, you should learn to speak German.

This is important when you are looking for a job, filling in applications, helping your children with school and trying to make new friends.

In Europe there is a general framework used to describe the achievements of learners of foreign languages, the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

It offers a universal assessment of language skills. It has 6 different levels.

It includes different types of language skills: Listening, reading, writing and speaking.

**"A" - "Beginner"**: A1 and A2 mean that the person is just beginning to learn the language. They have basic knowledge and can understand/form simple sentences.

**"B" - "Better"**: B1 and B2 mean that the person has more advanced language skills.

If you want to >>[work](#), you will need at least B1 level language skills. Level B2 is recommended for >>[vocational training](#).

**"C" - "Champion"**: C1 and C2 mean that the person has "proficient" language skills.

C2 is almost native-speaker level.

All children and teenagers aged under 16 learn German at >>[kindergarten](#), >>[school](#) or at vocational college.

You can find more information on the various language courses on the following pages:

■ <http://www.bamf.de/DE/Willkommen/DeutschLernen/In...>

■ <https://kursnet-finden.arbeitsagentur.de/kurs/por...>