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Online Language Courses and Online Studies


SPEAK

SPEAK connects locals and new immigrants through language exchanges, cultural exchanges and cultural events organised by the community. These activities usually take place in person. **SPEAK** organises the language learning groups online using video conferencing. The groups consist of 4 to 6 people and meet every weekday for 90 minutes within 2 weeks.

Anyone who wants to learn a language and interact with others can register for free with **SPEAK**. You can learn **German, English** or **any other language** you need. You can also find more information on the **SPEAK** website.

 www.speak.social

Online language courses

You can learn German on your smartphone or on your computer (also free of charge). Take advantage of some great offers to learn German quickly and make the best use of the time you have to wait before your language course begins. These offers can also be helpful while you are taking your language course. More information on the language levels (A1 to C2) can be found [here](#). 

Ankommen (Arrival) app:

In addition to information on life in Germany and on asylum, vocational training and work, the **“Ankommen” app** also includes a self-study course (starting at level A1) for your first few weeks in Germany.

Serlo ABC:

is a free app for literacy, self-study or as a supplement to a language course. This app has been approved for use in integration courses.

Mein Deutschbuch:

contains an extensive offer for learning the German language. The website is aimed at learners and teachers, A1 to B2.

Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO):

Language-learning programme for A1 to C2

Basic language course from Deutsche Welle:

This online language course contains modules covering literacy and job-related language skills. There is also a placement test.

MeinVokabular (My Vocabulary):

The Chambers of Skilled Crafts and Small Businesses (HWK) provide information for young people starting their careers about the many opportunities for training in the skilled crafts sector.

The **App entitled “Mein Vokabular”** was developed to make it easier for young people with a migration background to enter working life. Through this app, you can create your own dictionaries and vocabulary cards (supported by photos).

AsylPlus Deutsch lernen:

contains a compilation of various German learning opportunities in the overview.

Die Stadt der Wörter (“City of Words”):

An app and a website for playful vocabulary learning without prior knowledge in **German, English, French and other languages**.

VHS-Lernportal (VHS Learning Portal):

Free German language courses. You can also learn to read, write and do arithmetic. There are also resources to help you prepare for the school-leaving exams in German, maths and English.

Language assessment test:

onSET-online language placement test for refugees and for linguistic classification for full-time staff and volunteers.

Kiron - Online Study

Refugees and asylum seekers often face difficulties when trying to gain access to higher level education. **Kiron Higher Education** offers the possibility to study without tuition fees and without the other legal documents usually required to study. The problem of limited course places is also solved. The first two years of study are completed on the internet with online courses. All courses are offered in English. However, it is possible to add subtitles in any language. The third year of study takes place on campus at one of Kiron’s partner universities. There is also the possibility to learn German during the course of study. Additional forms of support and advice are also on offer.

Literacy

ABC - Deutschkurs

Free literacy course with an online tutor

In this course you will learn to read and write in 12 lessons with videos, audio clips, pictures and suitable tasks. At the same time you will acquire some basic knowledge of German. You will be supported by an online tutor who will answer your questions or correct your assignments. The portal can be set to 19 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Turkish, Albanian, Serbian, Polish and many more**.

ABC - Deutsch lernen

Free literacy course:

In this course you will learn to read and write with videos, audio clips, pictures and suitable exercises. At the same time you will acquire some basic vocabulary knowledge of German. The site can be set in 9 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Russian, Polish and others**.

[Serlo ABC](#)

With the free **Serlo ABC** literacy app, you can learn the Latin alphabet and basic language skills independently, intuitively and in a personalised way. Serlo ABC is an officially recognised textbook for use in literacy and second language learning courses.

[Playlist “Deutsch schreiben lernen und Grammatik - mit Bildern”](#)

You can learn the alphabet and also how to pronounce German with these YouTube videos. You will also learn to read and write in German and acquire a basic knowledge of German and German grammar.

Level A1 Beginner

[Complete A1 course: “Nicos Weg”](#)

In this free and comprehensive course you will learn German at A1 level in 18 chapters. Each chapter begins with a short video - structured in the style of a telenovela - which you use to work through exercises and learn the German language step by step with Nico, the protagonist of the telenovela. For each chapter there are explanations of the grammar, vocabulary lists, regional information and manuscripts for the video. The site can be set in 9 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Russian, Polish and others**.

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[Getting started in the German language](#)

This small book offers initial help in German by introducing the alphabet, important terms, some grammatical basics and examples of everyday life. Translation aids are available in English.

[Vocabulary app: “Stadt der Wörter” \(“City of Words”\)](#)

With this free video game, you will learn first words in German with audios, pictures and example sentences. You can also meet other players and play with or against each other in the **City of Words** and solve tasks. The app can be set in 8 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish and others**.

[Miniseries: “Erste Wege in Deutschland”](#)

With this free miniseries, you can experience everyday situations with the protagonist Nevin, for example, on the bus, at the doctor's or when looking for a flat. You will watch a short video and then do exercises matching the video.

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[German forum and online community](#)

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[Learn German on the Deutsche Welle website](#)

On the website of Deutsche Welle you will find a variety of programmes for learning German. You can listen to messages that are spoken more slowly for learners, you can learn how Germans live in the Deutschlandlabor, you can meet other learners in the online community, watch videos on various topics, practice your listening comprehension, read up on grammar questions and, above all, do lots of exercises. The site is available in 30 languages, including **English, Arabic, Bosnian, Greek, Polish and many more.**

Level A2 Basic knowledge

[Complete A2 course: “Nicos Weg”](#)

In this free and comprehensive course you will learn German at A2 level in 18 chapters. Each chapter begins with a short video - structured in the style of a telenovela - which you use to work through exercises and learn the German language step by step with Nico, the protagonist of the telenovela. For each chapter there are explanations of the grammar, vocabulary lists, regional information and manuscripts for the video. The site can be set in 9 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Russian, Polish and others.**

[Complete A2 course with tutor](#)

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Level B1 Advanced Language Use

[Complete B1 course: “Nicos Weg”](#)

In this free and comprehensive course you will learn German at B1 level in 18 chapters. Each chapter begins with a short video - structured in the style of a telenovela - which you use to work through exercises and learn the German language step by step with Nico, the protagonist of the telenovela. For each chapter there are explanations of the grammar, vocabulary lists, regional information and manuscripts for the video. The site can be set to 9 different languages, including **English, Arabic, Russian, Polish and others.**

[Complete B1 course with tutor](#)

In this free course you will learn level B1 German in 12 lessons with videos, audio clips, pictures and suitable tasks. In the learning portal you will find a vocabulary trainer and phrase trainer for each lesson, so that you can practise new vocabulary. You will also be supported by an online tutor who will answer your questions or correct your texts. The portal can be set in 19 different

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[Telenovela: “Jojo sucht das Glück”](#)

In three seasons of the telenovela, you will learn more about the life of Jojo, a Brazilian who has come to Germany, and her friends in Cologne. Each episode of **“Jojo sucht das Glück”** is accompanied by interactive exercises and vocabulary aids for learning German.

[B1 - German for your job](#)

With this free course you can practice German for your job. You can choose from the following occupational areas: Gastronomy, systems engineering, building cleaning, nursing, retail. For each field of work there are seven learning units with videos and subsequent tasks, with which you will primarily learn the vocabulary as well as the idioms and common phrases used in the particular industry.

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[B2 - German for the workplace](#)

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Level C1-C2 Experts

[Learn German on the Deutsche Welle website](#)

On the website of Deutsche Welle you will find a variety of programmes for learning German. You can listen to the news, learn about German varieties in the dialect atlas, get to know the idioms and subtleties of the German language or listen to audio clips dealing with everyday German and work on exercises relating to it. The site is available in 30 languages, including **English, Arabic, Bosnian, Greek, Polish and many more.**

[Grammar exercises](#)

You can find exercises on various C1-level grammar issues on this free site.

[All about the German language](#)

You can find various exercises for listening comprehension, vocabulary or reading comprehension on this website. You can learn the best German words, idioms or colloquial expressions.

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German at work

Learning app: Lunes

With **Lunes**, professional language and technical words are learned more easily. The app from **Tür an Tür - Digitalfabrik** can be downloaded



[in the AppStore](#) and



[in Google's PlayStore](#). Mastering the German language is crucial for the successful integration of immigrants into the labour market. Experience has shown that the knowledge acquired in the integration course or in vocational school is not sufficient to cope with the communication required in the company.

A frequently raised problem is very specific technical terms that are only relevant to certain occupational fields. These are, for example, the designations of special tools or machines. The app provides vocabulary for 11 occupational profiles. More modules are to be added every month.

No registration is necessary, nor is any preparatory input of vocabulary. The app is aimed at people with German as a second language who want to take up a profession in Germany, are already in training or are in transition from school to work.

[German at the workplace](#)

On this site you will find a wide range of exercises for levels A1 to C1 relating to everyday working life in Germany. Get to know different occupations and practise professional situations such as making a phone call, writing a business letter or writing an application. You will also find numerous activities for different types of jobs: social and technical professions, occupations in skilled crafts and trades, office, services or culture. You can use it to practise common language skills and communication situations specific to your occupation and get to know the vocabulary that is important for you.

[Vocabulary for work](#)

On this site you will find vocabulary lists to help you learn the most important terms in your everyday professional life. There are different professions to choose from, such as geriatric nurse, electronics technician, salesperson, gardener, machine operator, plant operator, carpenter and many more. You can visit the site in **English, Arabic, Farsi, Russian and Turkish**.

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[German for construction workers](#)

This platform is particularly well suited to people who are already working or want to work on a construction site and who understand little or no German. A total of 20 lessons will prepare you linguistically for work on construction sites. Not only will you learn about working on construction sites, but you will also learn a lot about health and safety on construction sites and you will also learn how to communicate in your job. Each lesson consists of a video followed by vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation exercises.

[App: “Ein Tag Deutsch - in der Pflege”](#)

With this free app, people learning German from level B1 upwards can practise vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation for medical and nursing professions in an entertaining way. In addition, users can build on the communicative focal points from the discussion situations with patients, colleagues and superiors.

Grammar

[German grammar?](#)

This page provides an overview of German grammar. It can serve both as a reference book for German grammar and for learning new grammatical structures.

[A reference guide for German Grammar](#)

On this page, you will find simple and understandable explanations of various grammatical aspects of the German language.

Learning German for children

[Deutsch mit Socke](#)

Deutsch mit Socke is a film series that helps children between the ages of 5 and 10 take their first steps in the German language. In each short video, Esther (a young woman) and Socke (a red sock) talks about all kinds of things – just like in real life. Socke is red, imaginative, a bit cheeky and full of energy. This leads to many situations in which Esther and Socke speak and interact in German together. Children can easily identify with Socke.

The material is also about this: The children should - like Socke - be able to speak and interact in the foreign language. The videos are accompanied by activities and a student booklet.

[Die Bienenretter](#)

With this free app, children from the age of three can learn German in a playful way. With no previous knowledge of the language, they leave the protection of the forest together with a squirrel and a bear and embark on an exciting journey to save the sick bees. On the move in the snow-covered mountains, where the lynx – the guardian of the medicinal plant – lives, they meet animals who help them and teach them more than 900 German words. **“Die Bienenretter”** can be played on two different levels of difficulty and offers up to six hours of fun.

[Vocabulary app for children](#)

With the app **phase6 hallo Deutsch**, school-aged children (and young people too) can learn German in a playful way while building up a sound basic vocabulary of over 1300 important words and phrases. Each word is first introduced and then practised with different exercises. Illustrations and educational games help with this.

[Die Sendung mit dem Elefanten](#)

The little blue elephant and his friends offer stories to discover, marvel and laugh along with, for children between the ages of 3 and 6. One programme lasts about 25 minutes and is also very suitable for language training.

[Kinderkanal WDR Maus](#)

Die Seite mit der Maus offers educational programmes – in which, for example, the production or function of an everyday object is explained – as well as audio stories, games or even handicraft tips. A show entitled **Die Sendung mit der Maus** presents complex issues in an entertaining and understandable way for children between 6 and 9 years and lasts about 30 minutes. It is also suitable for language support for children with some previous knowledge.

[Lingo für Kids](#)

With Lingo, children between the ages of 8 and 12 can practise German and learn new things. There are exciting texts for reading and listening, experiments and handicraft tips.