



ON LEARNING
GERMAN

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**Alle Träume
können wahr
werden, wenn
wir den Mut
haben, ihnen
zu folgen.**

All dreams can come true
if we have the courage
to follow them.

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Why and where: German

eins... zwei... drei... vier...

Tele-Match. West German television series. Some Indians would remember the fascinating games where two teams from two West German towns would compete against each other with a large audience watching them. It was funny, yet intense and the absurdity made it rather unique.

Kindergarten... Alpenliebe...

Well, guess what? These two words are very much German!

German is that one language which almost everyone is somewhat aware of, but it often comes down to 'oh ya, I know this one distant relative who learnt it' or 'there's a person in my family who worked in some German company, they knew some words'.

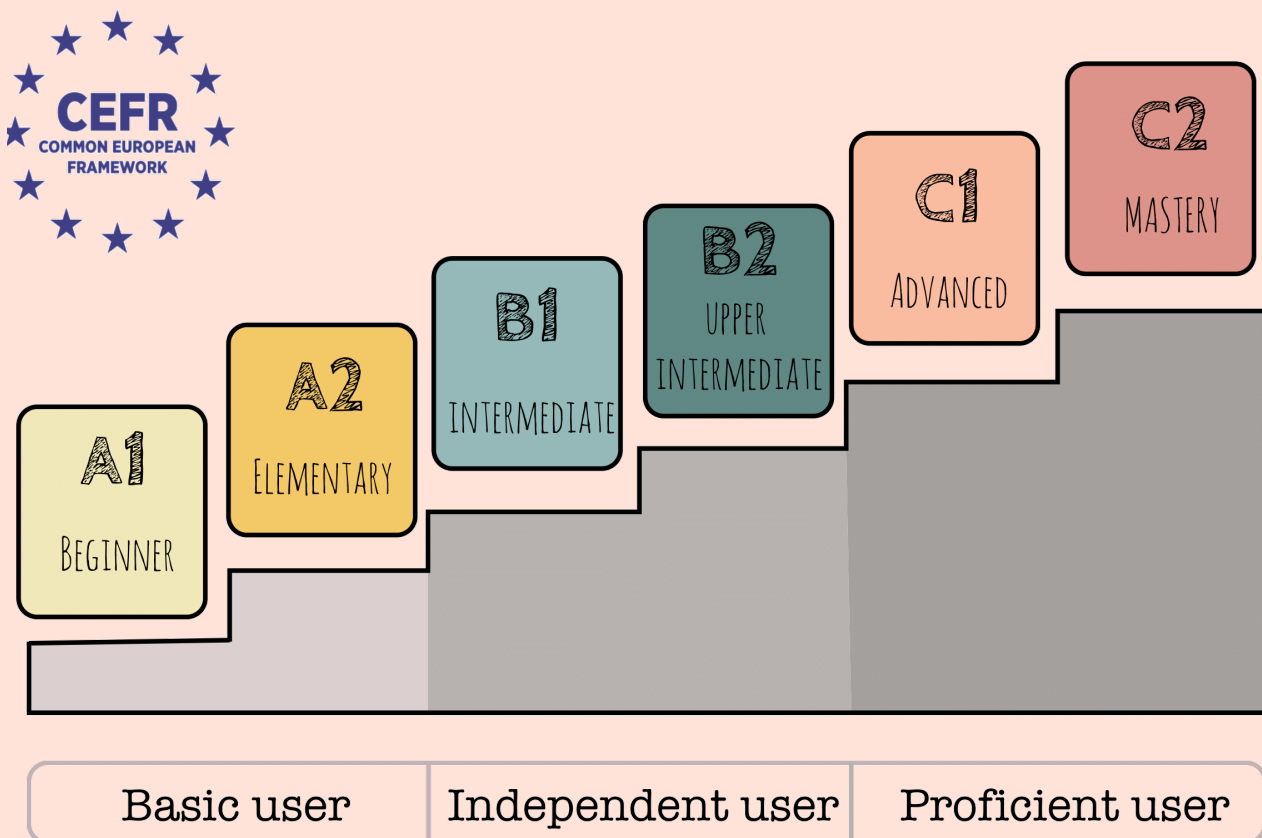
Learning German is gaining momentum today all over the world, as Germany is attracting many skilled people to study and work there to sustain its ever strong economy. Germans appreciate migrants learning their language as it is one of the easiest ways to communicate and socialize. It is always recommended to learn at least the basics before moving to Germany.

Not everyone takes the CEFR Exams, although one important thing to note is that you can write any German exam whenever. *It is NOT mandatory to write the A1 in order to write the A2 exam!*

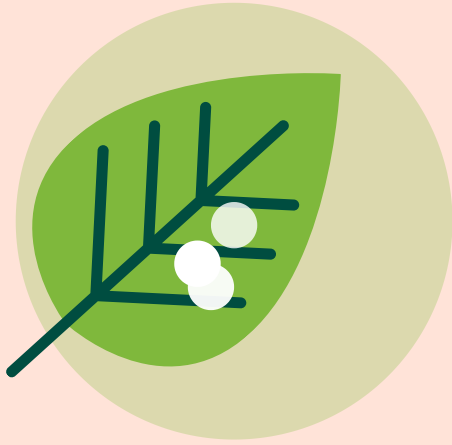


What are the CEFR Levels?

Let's take a look at the 'levels' that everyone talks about. The CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - has laid down 6 levels of difficulties ranging from A1 - beginner to C2 - mastery. The levels consists of three bands - A, B and C with 6 levels - A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. It was formed by the Council of Europe as a way of standardizing the levels of European languages such as German, French, Spanish, Italian, etc.



The steps here also indicate the efforts you need to put into the next level. A2 requires twice as much effort as compared to A1, B1 requires thrice as much! Similarly, what you learned in the previous level becomes the base for the next level.



LEVEL A1

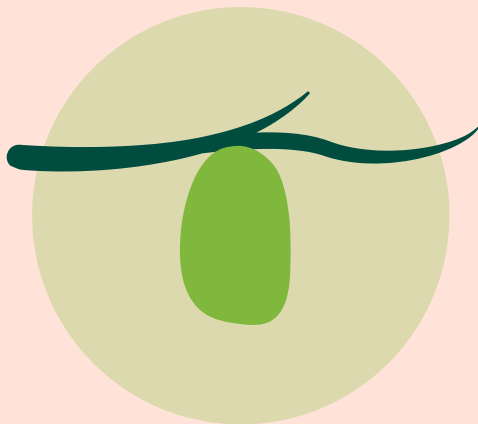
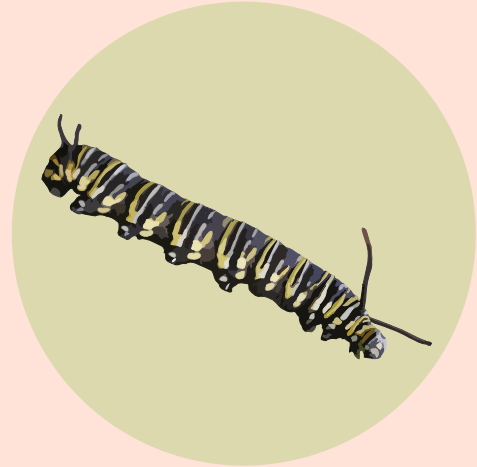
This is the elementary stage of your language learning goal. Here you acquaint yourself with around 500 nouns, 150 verbs, and 100 or so phrases. You are able to understand and form simple sentences. Think of learning a language up to the 4th Grade, this is what it is. You are new to the language, you pick up the words, basic sentence structure and off you go!

Guided Learning (GL) Hours required: 80-100

LEVEL A2

Here you learn how to put the nouns, verbs and phrases together, which you learnt in the previous level. You are not only able to speak freely about everyday topics, but you are also able to follow the announcements, everyday chats, voicemails and interviews, talk shows and even read magazines! You feel confident enough to make small talk, read and follow advertisements in newspaper.

GL Hours required: 180-200



LEVEL B1 & B2

The B Levels are divided into B1, B2.1 & B2.2. The reason being the Bs cover what you grasp from your 9th Grade to Graduation. Here you delve deeper into grammar, but you also get a perspective on the events around you and the world, differences between the cultures, cuisine, following news and current affairs. You develop your own conscience, express your opinions, views, hold a dialogue and a debate with your teacher and peers. How cool is that?

GL Hours required: 350-400 per sub-level

LEVEL C1 & C2

The C Levels requires the dedication of pursuing your masters and post-doc. These are also further divided in 2 parts C1.1-C1.2 & C2.1-C2.2. You are fluent, able to freely express yourself. By this stage, you are well acquainted with the literature, grammar, history of language, people and the culture. It's always recommended to pursue Cs in the target countries - Germany, Austria or Switzerland.

GL Hours required: 650-700 per sub-level



Different organizations conduct different exams, however the levels remain as they are.

Here's a table to make things simpler:

| Organisation | A Beginner and Elementary | | B Intermediate | | C Advanced and Proficiency | |
|--------------|------------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 | C1 | C2 |
| Goethe/telc | A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 | C1 | C2 |
| TestDaF | | | | TDN 3 - TDN 4 - TDN 5 | | |
| DSH | | | | DSH 1 | DSH 2 | DSH 3 |
| DSD | | | DSD 1 | DSD 2 | | |

The organizations mentioned above are some of the testing centers, institutes which offer courses and exams for the learners of German as a foreign language - Deutsch als Fremdsprache/DaF.

Goethe Institute offers both courses and exams, telc offers tests for various target groups and DSH - DSD are the exams written by University and High School applicants respectively.

As you can see, the exams align with the CEFR Levels. Any of these exams can be written with prior learning and studying. On an average, it takes 2-3 years of thorough study to write the TestDaF or the DSH 2, but those can also be written with a year of intensive study.

Here are the full names of the exams:

TestDaF - Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache

DSH - Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang

DSD - Deutsches Sprachdiplom Stufe I & II



Once you have mastered time, you will understand how true it is that most people overestimate what they can accomplish in a year and underestimate what they can achieve in a decade!

- Tony Robbins

The most frequently asked question is how long does it take to learn German and the answer, from someone who has pursued a foreign language, is just these two words - *it depends*.

I started learning German back in 2011; it was one of my papers when I was pursuing my higher secondary education. Our teacher would tutor at her residence, which was too far for me. This is a standard practice - the teacher at your school/college runs his/ her own classes at their residence or institute. However, it was evident that more was taught "outside the classroom".

I found another tuition class, went for a demo, and the lady just translated everything word by word. I did not like that approach at all. Breaking down sentence like that with no context is just lazy teaching. I explored a couple other classes, since I had absolutely no guidance, I signed up for the Goethe-Institut's course for A1 at Ruparel College.

The Goethe's approach was rather systematic, though it did not help me for my HSC examination, as it was more about memory recall, translation and mugging up stories.

After my HSC, I went to Hispanic Horizons, a Spanish Language Institute run by a Spaniard herself and a bunch of other Latinas in Mumbai, which truly made me understand what it is like to learn a foreign language in a country where you are only exposed to it in a classroom.

I absolutely loved learning Spanish there, I even went on with pursuing their A2.2 course online. I felt this was the best technique to learn a language - an in-classroom cultural immersion!

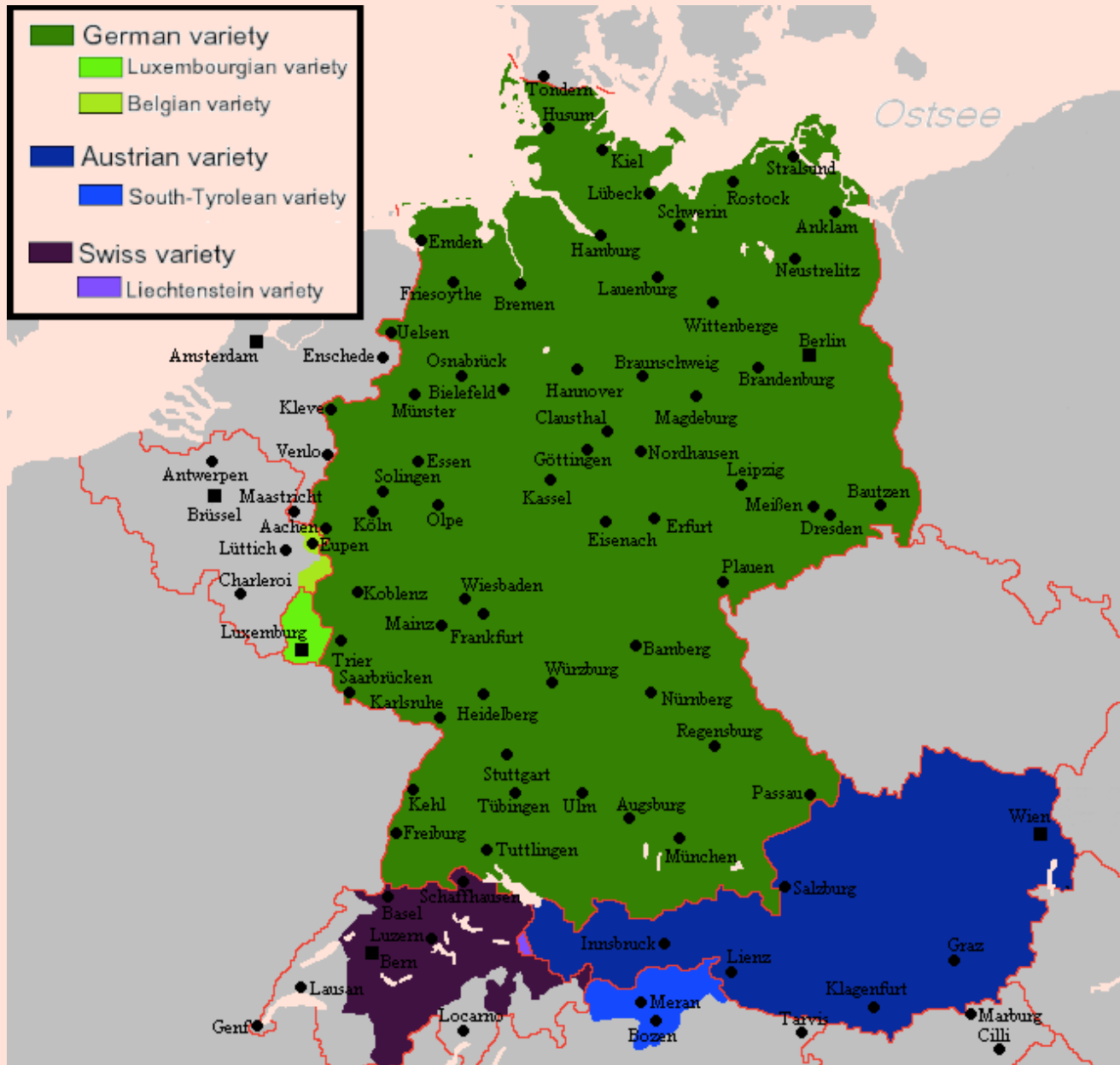
I came back to German Language, because I could see its worth in the coming years.

As much as I loved learning Spanish, my goal was to just get a hang of the songs by Enrique Iglesias, Amaia Montero, Rosalía, Marina Abad and so on. I could not push myself beyond that, however with German, it was not the case. Even with my classmates, I could easily get in a position where I could explain to them what we had learnt that day rather easily and with time, I started loving that process.



What exactly is German?

The German language that is taught at any institutional level is called Hochdeutsch - Standard German. There are three regional variants: German Standard German, Austrian Standard German and Swiss Standard German.



Ulrich Ammon, Hans Bickel, Jakob Ebner, et al.: Variantenwörterbuch des Deutschen

Here you can see that even within those distinct varieties, there are some differences.



Bavarian, or Bayrisch, is another language (Dialekt) spoken in Bavaria, Germany. While a Bavarian can easily understand Hochdeutsch, he may not be able to speak it. Germany did have its own colonial empire, although not quite as big as the English or French Empires, which is why German is mainly restricted to Europe today, but you will be surprised to know that it remains a common third language for many states in the USA! Today, it is the official or co-official language in Germany, Austria, Switzerland (this trio is also known as DACH: Germany - D, Austria - A and Switzerland - CH), South Tyrol in Italy and the German-speaking Community of Belgium and Liechtenstein.

English is a West Germanic Language. So are German and Dutch.

A person speaking English can learn German easily, then move to Dutch and vice versa. Here are some similar words - Maus - mouse - muis, Koffee - coffee - koffie, Energie - energy - energie, Foto - photo - foto, etc. However, don't confuse those with false cognates! They sound similar but have very different meaning.

lassen
Fahrrad
Buch Walzer Blume Schreiben
suchen Kuli Banane antworten
ehrllich lila Wurst Post wandern
denken trinken Kuchen richtig
Rechnung Bank Sahne tanzen
Zelt Frage essen Gutmalen
Pizza Bus Alphabet
Ehepartner Mahlzeit Sicherlich
Wohnung Kurs Zeit lieben
Einkaufen
Deutschland

Notice any familiar words?

BUSINESS ETIQUETTE IN GERMANY

ALWAYS BE ON TIME,
BOTH AT PERSONAL &
WORK-RELATED
EVENTS, MEETINGS

BEING LATE IS OFTEN
LOOKED DOWN UPON



ONE USES HANDSHAKE
WHILE INTRODUCING
ONESELF

PREFER USING THE SIE-FORM
AT WORK, NEVER BEGIN
WITH DU-FORM



WHEN DRINKING, YOU
CAN TOAST WITH “PROST”
OR “ZUM WOHL”

MAKE SURE TO KEEP
EYE CONTACT



DURING MEETINGS & MEALS
ONE SHOULD KEEP THEIR
PHONE ON MUTE OR ON
VIBRATE-MODE

POLITELY LEAVE THE ROOM,
IF YOUR CALL IS URGENT



PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR
COLLEAGUES, BOSS

LOOK AT THE SPEAKER &
BE RECIPROCAL WHILE
COMMUNICATING



BE CLEAR & CONCISE WITH
YOUR SPEECH, DON'T BE
TOO LOUD

ONE SHOULD PAY
ATTENTION TO HIS TONE



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On Institutional Teaching and Examinations

I'd say there are three major ways of incorporating yourself into the German Language. First is learning at a bonafide institution, whether in India or abroad, second is seeking guidance and attending classes held by various tutors or private institutes, either online or offline, and third is the self-learning path.

Goethe Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan

In India, we have the Goethe-Institut, named the Max Mueller Bhavan after the Indologist, a non-profit German cultural association, which promotes the German language, in as well as outside Germany, and encourages international cultural exchange and relations. It was founded in 1951 in Munich, later it was established in India in the 1950s. In 1957, the first “Max Mueller Bhavan” was inaugurated in Kolkata.

Although Goethe-Institut is not the only organization that promotes the German language, many countries' cultural organizations offer similar programs. You might know some of them:

- Alliance Française for French
- Istituto Italiano di Cultura for Italian
- Instituto Cervantes for Spanish
- Russian Culture and Science Center for Russian
- Consulate-General of Japan for Japanese... and so on.



In India, there are 6 Goethe-Institut in Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune and 5 Goethe-Zentrum in Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Trivandrum. The main difference between the institute and the center is that the institute facilitates more courses, events, seminars, but the center only focuses on running courses and conducting examinations.

The Goethe-Institut offers Super Intensive, Intensive and Weekend Courses, for small groups, corporation and for kids. They offer the following courses: A1, A2, B1, B2.1 - B2.2, C1.1 - C1.2, C2.1 - C2.2. Earlier these levels were also known as Grundstufe I-II, Mittlestufe I-II-III and Oberstufe I-II.

Here, B2.1, C1.1 and C2.1 are internal levels, for which the examination is held by the Goethe instructors themselves. You receive a certificate of attendance upon completing the course from Goethe-Institut and a grade certificate after writing the examination.

These exams are for two age groups - one below 16 years of age and the other above 16 years of age. The names of the exams and the CEFR levels are as follows:

| CEFR Level | Exam for <16yo | Exam for >16yo |
|-------------|---|--|
| A1 | Goethe-Zertifikat A1: Fit in Deutsch 1 | Goethe-Zertifikat A1: Start Deutsch 1 |
| A2 | Goethe-Zertifikat A2: Fit in Deutsch | Goethe-Zertifikat A2 |
| B1 | - | Goethe-Zertifikat B1 |
| B2.1 & B2.2 | - | Goethe-Zertifikat B2 |
| C1.1 & C1.2 | - | Goethe-Zertifikat C1 |
| C2.1 & C2.2 | - | Goethe-Zertifikat C2 |



Completing up to B2 is more or less similar to completing your degree program (10+2+3 or 4). Goethe-Institut offers the following courses to pursue after B2:

Goethe-Institut Prüfung Wirtschaftsdeutsch International (PWD)

This is a diploma that takes you through the professional world of Business German. However, it is not the same as 'Business Communication in German'.

Deutsch für Pflege- und Heilberufe

This course prepares you to work in the medical and healthcare industry in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. This is a free, online course available at Goethe-Institut Philippines' Website. Course prerequisite: B1/B2

TestDaF-Institut

TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) is a standardized test for non-native speakers of German language. This test is somewhat similar to the ESL Tests (IELTS, TOEFL, PTE) where you receive your final grade in a band - TDN 3, 4 or 5, which corresponds to the CEFR Level B2–C1. Many universities will ask you to submit your TestDaF score, although not all. One can write this test at any Goethe Institute.

ÖSD - Österreichisches Sprachdiplom Deutsch

The Austrian counterpart of the Goethe-Institut. They also have their own CEFR Level Exams. The Goethe-Zertifikat B1, telc Deutsch B1 and ÖSD Zertifikat B1 are jointly developed by G-I, Universität Freiburg/Switzerland and ÖSD respectively. Any of these tests can be taken at ÖSD and Goethe exam centers. ÖSD exclusively offers C1 and C2 exam for teens up to the age of 16.



The European Language Certificates - telc

This is another organization that conducts CEFR Level exams. Although their exams are unheard of in India, they do have a center in Bangalore at Robert Bosch Engineering & Business Solutions. They offer exams for various learning goals, such as spouse immigration, economic migrant, medical professional and so on. Their exams are as follows:

| CEFR Level | Name of the Exam | Target Group |
|------------|--|-----------------------|
| A1 | telc Deutsch A1 | General Test |
| | telc Deutsch A1 für Zuwanderer | Migrants |
| | telc Deutsch A1 Junior | School Kids |
| A2 | telc Deutsch A2 | General Test |
| | telc Deutsch A2+ Beruf | Professionals |
| | telc Deutsch A2 Schule | School Kids |
| A2-B1 | Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer A2·B1 | Migrants |
| | Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer A2·B1 (Jugendintegrationskurs) | Migrants <27yo |
| | Zertifikat Deutsch / telc Deutsch B1 | General Test |
| B1 | telc Deutsch B1+ Beruf | Professionals |
| | telc Deutsch B1 Schule | School Kids |
| B1-B2 | telc Deutsch B1·B2 Beruf | Professionals |
| | telc Deutsch B1·B2 Pflege | Nursing Staff |
| B2 | telc Deutsch B2 | General Test |
| | telc Deutsch B2+ | Professionals |
| | telc Deutsch B2 Medizin Zugangsprüfung | Medical Professionals |
| B2-C1 | telc Deutsch B2·C1 Beruf | Professionals |
| | telc Deutsch B2·C1 Medizin | Medial Employment |
| | telc Deutsch B2·C1 Medizin Fachsprachprüfung | Practicing Doctors |
| C1 | telc Deutsch C1 | General Test |
| | telc Deutsch C1 Beruf | Professionals |
| C2 | telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule | High School Kids |
| | telc Deutsch C2 | General Test |

The tests mentioned here for medical professionals are not the same as the practicing license exam.



Indian Schools and Universities

Many Indian Schools offer German as a third language at secondary and higher secondary level. The CBSE and ICSE Boards follow the same book series 'Hallo Deutsch' by Goethe-Institute. Many universities offer a yearlong beginner to advanced (A1 to B2) diploma, as well as translation, interpretation for Tourism and Business German courses.

The Mumbai University offers a two year Translation and Interpretation Program for those who have completed their B2. Pune University has their own Department of Foreign Languages where they offer intensive and long term courses. The syllabus of all these courses is available on the universities' respective websites.

BA or MA in German is similar to pursuing B2 and C1. The MA in German Translation/Translation & Interpretation offered at JNU is one of its kind in India and perhaps the most sought after course by those pursue BA in German and wish to get into corporate to work as a translator, interpreter or a German language expert.

The Indo German Training Center offers a PG Program in Business Administration with German A1.

Many institutes and independent trainers offer corporate training in Indian and Multi National Companies.

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PS. Tuition for foreign languages need not go on for months.

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The Study Material

When I was at Goethe back in 2011, we would use Studio D by Cornelsen, but when I went back in 2015, they were using Netzwerk by Ernst Klett Sprachen. Both the series work very well if you want to learn everyday German.

Some of the latest series for CEFR A1-B1 are:

- Spektrum Deutsch A1+, A2+, B1+
- Begegnungen A1+, A2+, B1+
- Menschen A1, A2, B1
- Ideen 1, 2, 3 or Beste Freunde (for teens and young adults)



For the CEFR Exams, there are three exam prep books which offer you 3 levels of difficulty for casual and serious learners.

The books are as follows:

- Fit fürs (name of the exam) by Hueber Verlag
- Mit Erfolg zum (name of the exam) by Ernst Klett Sprachen
- Prüfungstraining (name of the exam) by Cornelsen

Apart from these, there are hundreds of books by Langenscheidt, Hueber Verlag, Cornelsen, Ernst Klett Sprachen, PONS, Springer, Schubert Verlag which are used for grammar, exam prep, vocab, writing and reading comprehension practice, short stories, etc. There are a bunch of books written in Indian languages to learn German from and many other miscellaneous books written by thousands of people on adapting different learning techniques to learn German.

Business Communication in German and Business German

Some German Publishers publish books which are used for Business Communication in German as well as Business German, mainly for the telc Beruf Exams. Some useful books for Business Communication as well as Business German are as follows:

- Berliner Platz A1, A2, B1 by Klett Sprachen
- Geschäftliche Begegnungen A2+, B1+ by Schubert Verlag
- Wirtschafts-Kommunikation Deutsch by Langenscheidt (used for PWD)



German for Medical Professionals - Caretakers, Nursing Staff and Doctors

German for Medical Professionals is also on the rise in India and many Indians seek courses to write the telc Medical German Exams in Germany, Austria or Switzerland directly. Some of the books used for this program are:

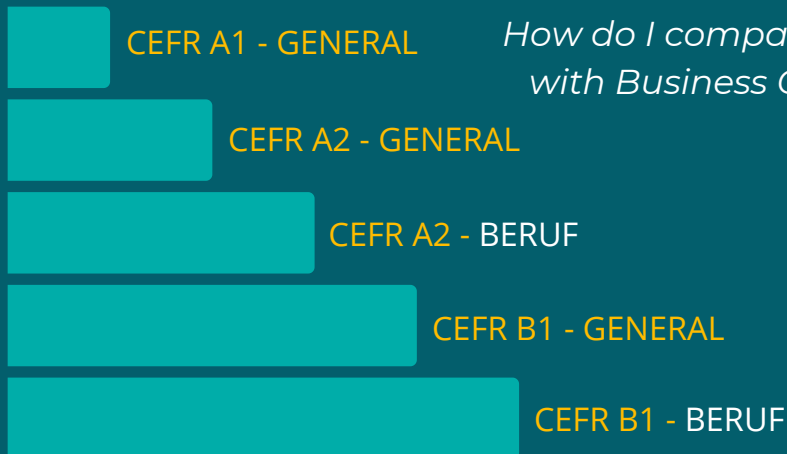
- Menschen im Beruf - Pflege A2 und B1 by Hueber
- Kommunikation im Krankenhaus B1/B2 By Ernst Klett Sprachen
- Menschen im Beruf - Medizin B2-C1 by Hueber



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Goodbye Netzwerk!

Netzwerk by Klett-Sprachen was introduced in India by Goethe-Institut and became the go-to series for A1-B1 by many institutes & tutors in India, however, a language is ever-evolving & which means the books need an upgrade too!

A similar thing happened in the early 2010s when Studio d was all the rage and now its A1 & A2 books are no longer published as it is being discontinued.

Netzwerk is now replaced by Netzwerk neu from Jan 2021, it's about time that we get used to the changes too.

In mid-2019, we made our shift from Netzwerk to Begegnungen, and from mid-2020, we will be using Spektrum Deutsch, a highly communicative, modern all-in-one integrated coursebook by Schubert Verlag. Right now, it is one of the most popular course books, not only in Europe but also in the USA.

But, hold on, why not move to Netzwerk neu?

Netzwerk is now rebranding itself as a casual, young learners' book. Sounds great for a casual learner, but not so for someone who is motivated to not only learn German but also to get acquainted with the culture, the traditions, customs, mannerism, etiquette & be a culturally immersed, informed person.

And that's exactly what Schubert Verlag's books offer you. A sample chapter of all their books is available on schubert-verlag.de without registration!



What awaits you now?

Now that you got to know about the institutes, exams and the study material to start learning German, you would naturally want to know what's next. I started working as a freelance translator for German-English Pair after completing B1 and it was during this period that I learnt about the various opportunities and positions available in India after learning a foreign language. However, I had started teaching as I was pursuing my B1.

In translation you have two major streams to go with - online translation in the domain of BPO/KPO, Customer Support, Customer Representation and offline translation such as Voice-over, proofreading and editing, testing and so on. One may also start working as a freelance Translator after completing B2, however very few institutes today offer a credible translation course in India. To get into corporate full-time, one can start with BPO/ KPO industry, eventually picking up relevant skills such as Analytics, SAP roles for sustainable growth. These days many IT companies are actively encouraging their employers to learn at least one foreign language just to get on par with their European counterparts.

Teaching is another field to get in to if it interests you. BEd or MEd is not necessarily required to teach German in Indian Schools or to be a professional German Language Trainer. The Goethe-Institut offers a 'Grünes Diplom' to train individuals to teach German as a foreign language from the level A1 to B1. One needs to be a graduate and C1 proficient in German to pursue this course. It is recognized by Goethe-Institut worldwide, although not mandatory if you are not going to teach there.



How to go about learning German?

A language is a lifelong skill and therefore it should be treated as one. At the same time, one must remember that a whole new culture is being exposed to you through the language, therefore one should put extra efforts into learning and getting acquainted with the culture, traditions, festivals, etc.

Now that you have an idea of the examinations and the study material, your safest bet to learn German would be enrolling for a course at Goethe-Institut itself. Apart from Goethe, there are many other small, private institutes which offer you similar courses.

In India, unfortunately, the main focus of such institutes is simply to 'produce' students with an 'excellent' grade at their final exam, which often ends up in an incomplete syllabus and underdeveloped speaking and listening skills, which does not feel fulfilling and turns into a huge waste of money.

Many Indians often end up pursuing one level multiple times due to lack of constructive teachers. At many private institutes, 1 level goes on for 30-40 hours and then you have divisions such as B1.1-B1.2. Some institutes also offers courses up to 80-120 hours. While it sounds easier to pick it up in 30 hours, it takes thorough daily revision and intense dedication. Many institutes and tutors will often divide such levels in 2 or 3 sub levels, which then gives you twice or thrice as much time to practice the language. Although, it also means paying twice and thrice as much! It is on your to make it worth it, as well as on the tutor to offer the best there is.



There are pros and cons for those various methods of learning. To make it easier, I have made a table:

| Learning Path | Pros | Cons | Cost |
|---|---|--|--|
| At the Goethe Institute | maximum resources available, German speaking environment, thorough exam training, cultural exchange through festivals, unlimited library access | costliest, can not repeat missed classes, wait-lists for enrollment, limited flexibility, fast paced, limited growth if not revised regularly | around 20-30k INR per level |
| Tier 2 and 3 Foreign Language Institutes, University Diplomas | slow paced, bilingual environment, cheaper alternative to Goethe and private tutor, good for networking overall, smaller study group | limited resources available and exam training, syllabus completion might not be thorough, limited tutoring hours, teaching quality varies | around 10-20k INR per level |
| Private Tutor | flexibility, can offer personalized course plan depending upon your needs, can do background check, more attention to you, more time to practice and revise | slacking if the student and the tutor are not committed, might go on for a longer period, scheduling and rescheduling classes will slow you down | INR 500 - 5500 per hour, multiple levels |
| Self-learning/ self-teaching | cheapest option, maximum flexibility, self paced with resources that work for you, access to free resources | illusion of choice, not all free resources are beneficial, not bound by time, no guidance | NA |

These are not the only pros and cons; it is your responsibility as a learner to decide for yourself and understand what works the best for you. Money should never be the only deciding factor!

There are hundreds of institutes in various cities and towns in India, and there are thousands tutors who teach online via Skype, Google Hangout and other learning platforms.



With the self learning path, one can teach themselves the language up to the level A2 and, if they have the aptitude for it, then up to B2 or C1 as well. There are many accounts of people on various forums, writing about their experience and journey from scratch to clearing the B2/ C1 exam within 1-3 years. It is very common outside India for one to simply start learning a foreign language on their own and, if they wish, go to a tutor or join classes just for the exam preparation, many travel for language and cultural immersion.

With a private tutor, one can learn till C2 if the tutor is good enough and the student is dedicated, however pursuing Cs in the country where it's spoken gives you more exposure . It also engulfs you with the culture. At Goethe, even though I went there from A1 to C1, there were a few new students in every batch who had completed previous levels elsewhere. In my C1 class, we had this one girl who learnt up to B2 at a private tutor and she had an excellent command over German.

All books mentioned above also include a list of the grammar topics, therefore it should be your responsibility to find a tutor who will teach everything and will be patient enough to clear your doubts. Some tutors may charge for the demo class; nothing wrong with that. It's always better to ask questions and get to know your tutor before you begin learning, whether a private class or a classroom set up at any institute.

For me, the best part about being a teacher of a foreign language is that the learning and studying never ends. For I am both a student and the teacher, and I cherish it.



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- *Interactive Learning, No Recordings*
- *Student-first Approach, always*
- *Patient, Slow & Steady Learning*
- *Inclusive of all Books & other Resources*



No stranger shyness!

Group Sessions are only for same-aged friends or family members of the learner. However, we encourage you to bring young learners together to form a group.

- *With Audio-Video Exercises*
- *Personal Folder with Lesson Plans*
- *Qualify for international certification*
- *Intercultural Learning Experience*
- *Monthly DIY Project & Assignments*

Age 6 to 9
Grundschule | Primary
School Year 1 to 4
Wolkenkratzer A1

Age 10 to 15
Mittelschule | Middle School
School Year 5 to 10
Sprachlotsen 1

Age 16-19
Abitur | Secondary School
School Year 11-13
Sprachlotsen 1 & 2



4 Months
Semester System

Starting at 2hrs/week

Max. 6hrs/week

Starting at INR 450/hr OR INR 4,000/month

What CEFR level is right for me?

When it comes to determining why one wants to learn the language, it is also important to know what lies ahead of you. Many wish to learn German for work, some for school, some with to understand the culture & history.

If you really want to learn the language enough to understand it better & express yourself, it we recommend to learn at least up to the level B1.

If we compare learning German as a foreign language with learning English as a first language, this is how the CEFR levels A1-B1 look like:

- CEFR A1 ~ Grade 1 - 4: learn how to make simple sentences, form questions and requests with limited vocabulary
- CEFR A2 ~ Grade 5 - 8: grammar is introduced, but produced text and speech is limited to textbooks and workbooks
- CEFR B1 ~ Grade 9 - 12: able to form your own opinions and express it with better clarity, richer vocab, better control over speech

Now, adults cannot go back to primary school, but they can benefit greatly from coursebooks and workbooks that teach a language in a similar flow.

If you want to learn German to enter a dedicated field such as translation, medicine, subtitling, then you will need to complete at least CEFR B2 BEFORE you pursue a course dedicated to these fields. However, one can self-learn Business Communication in German after completing the CEFR A2.



The Courses We Offer

At Aishwarya's German Classes, with a proven experience of 4+ years and over 500 confident students, you can be rest assured that your needs of language learning will be met with satisfaction. We complete 100% of the mandated syllabus without rushing through the chapters.

In a first, the latest study material is included in the fees and we provide 5+ full-length mock tests. While the students receive 1 set of books followed by the Goethe-Institut, we refer to over 10 different books to offer a thorough grammar review and vocab learning. No compromise on quality!

We believe in learning over cramming and quality over quantity. The classes are one-on-one, therefore 100% focus and attention is given to your strengths and weaknesses. We do not endorse learning a language just to get certified. For us, exams are just one form of testing your skills, and not the only purpose of learning a language!

A discount of 15% on the course fees is offered to those who would like to bring their study partner on board or form a small group with their peers. For a group of five or more students, we offer a discount of 20% per student. Fair pricing!

The hours for each level are carefully curated and come with a Vocab+Grammar Handout to give you an 'out of the textbook' perspective of learning the language. There will be tests, assessments, small projects through audio and video exercises to practice the language.

All we ask from you is your commitment and your dedication.



We offer 6 major groups of courses

German for CEFR Level A1 to B2
Exam Preparation for CEFR Level A1 to C1 and TestDaF
Business Communication in German
German for Schools and Colleges
German for Casual Learners
Corporate Training

In all our courses we offer:

Honest teaching, 100% Syllabus Completion, Latest Study Material, Exam Prep

GERMAN FOR CEFR LEVEL A1 TO B2

FULL COURSE A1

40hrs INR 17,000 | Begegnungen A1+
Course+Workbook | Extra Vocab Handout

FULL COURSE B1

50hrs INR 26,000 | Spektrum Deutsch B1+
Course+Workbook | Extra Vocab Handout

FULL COURSE A2

45hrs INR 22,500 | Spektrum Deutsch A2+
Course+Workbook | Extra Vocab Handout

FULL COURSE B2

90hrs INR 55,000 | Erkundungen & Aspekte Neu
Course+Workbook | Extra Vocab Handout

Combined Super Intensive Course

Full A1+A2 Course | 80hrs | INR 35,000 with Spektrum Deutsch A1+ & A2+

Full A2+B1 Course | 80hrs | INR 40,000 Spektrum Deutsch A2+ & B1+

EXAM PREPARATION FOR CEFR LEVEL A1 TO C1 AND TESTDAF

CEFR A1-B1 Crash Course

24 hours | ₹15,000.00

TestDaF Crash Course

40 Hours | ₹20,000.00

CEFR B2-C1 Crash Course

30 hours | ₹18,000.00



BUSINESS COMMUNICATION IN GERMAN

telc Deutsch A2+ Beruf for 60 hours

₹24,000.00

This course follows the Geschäftliche Begegnungen A2+. The student must have completed CEFR A1 with minimum 90%.

telc Deutsch B1+ Beruf for 60 hours

₹28,000.00

This course follows the Geschäftliche Begegnungen B1+. The student must have completed CEFR B2 with minimum 80%.

telc Deutsch B2+ Beruf for 80 hours

₹40,000.00

This course follows the Erkundungen B2 and DW's Marktplatz. The student must have completed CEFR B2 with minimum 75%.

A1+A2 Semi Beruf

₹40,000.00

This course follows Spektrum Deutsch A1+ & Geschäftliche Begegnungen A2+.

A2+B1 Beruf

₹45,000.00

This course follows Geschäftliche Begegnungen A2+ & B1+.

GERMAN FOR CASUAL LEARNERS

German for Kids (40 Hours)

₹22,000.00

These courses are for kids above the age of 6. Exam preparation is optional.

German for Adults (40 Hours)

₹24,000.00

These courses are for teens, young adults and adults as well as seniors. No exam preparation.

Conversational German (35 Hours) | ₹20,000.00

This course covers the vocabulary and offers a comprehensive grammar review through different themes.

Ideal for those who are moving or traveling to Germany immediately.

CORPORATE TRAINING

Level A1 - 60 Hours

Participants without any knowledge of German can effectively acquire their first language skills in this course.

Level A2 - 80 Hours

Participants with some knowledge of German will receive individual support, help and advancement in this course.

Level A2+ Beruf - 100 Hours

(Business Communication in German)

Participants who already speak better German, can expand their knowledge of German in a targeted manner and learn the vocabulary they need from their professional field.

Combined Course for Level A1+A2 - 100 Hours

Combined Course for Level A1+A2 with A2+ Beruf - 160 Hours

| GROUP STRENGTH | FEES PER PARTICIPANT WITH BOOKS | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| | A1 OR A2 OR A2+ | A1 & A2 | A1+A2 & A2+BERUF |
| 4 or fewer participants | 16,000 INR | 24,000 INR | 32,000 INR |
| 5-9 participants | 14,000 INR | 22,000 INR | 30,000 INR |
| 10-20 participants | 13,000 INR | 20,000 INR | 28,000 INR |
| 20+ participants | 12,000 INR | 18,000 INR | 28,000 INR |

No hidden charges! Price inclusive of the books!

Schedule: Min 6hrs/week - Max 10hrs/week



Where to find us

Aishwarya's German Class is based in Magarpatta City, Pune.
We offer one-on-one/ small groups classes in the following localities:
Magarpatta City and Amanora Park Town

We also offer all the courses mentioned live via Skype and Zoom.

We encourage small group classes, with your friends, family and colleagues!

We are available on call at +91 93216 014856 & on WhatsApp at +91 70218 07274
Drop us an email at ash4german@gmail.com
Visit our website at ashgerman.com
You can add us on Skype at [live:aishwarya.degaonkar](https://www.skype.com/people/live:aishwarya.degaonkar)



Our only terms and conditions:

- We offer you a premium course, with the study material, in exchange we expect your sincere commitment and devotion.
- There will be mandatory attendance; exception will be made only for emergencies.
- We respect our time and commitment to all students equally; for a cancellation from our side, we will inform you prior and schedule a class upon your availability.
- Fees can be paid all at once or in two installments: before the class begins and halfway through.
- We are available on Google Pay, BHIM UPI and also accept bank transfers and cash.

Why us?

- to benefit from our free post-course practice resources!
- to learn with us from the prize-winning books!
- to be 100% confident and competent in speaking, reading, writing & speaking German!
- to indulge yourself in German media with our licensed storybooks, magazines and much more!



Scan the QR Code & watch our demo for free!

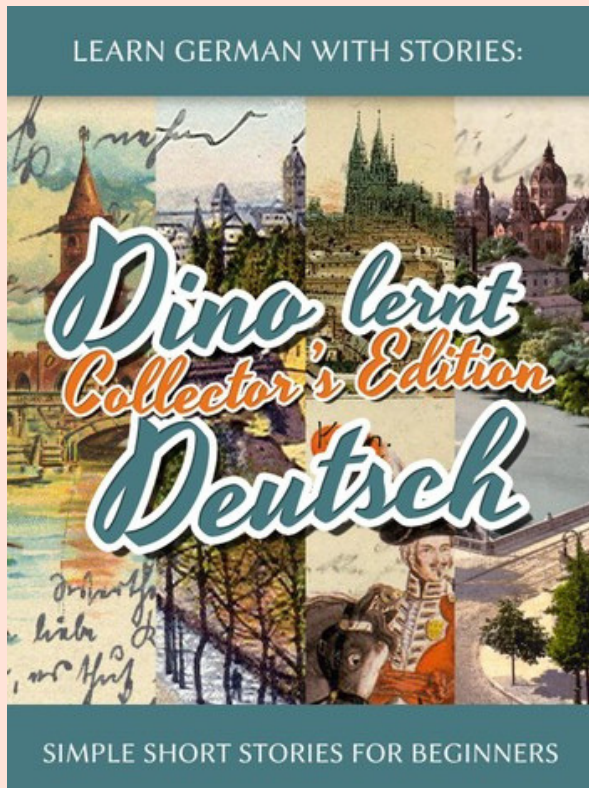


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TeacherOn.com

We offer our best & we don't believe in excuses such as "this will be covered in the next course"

A glimpse into our library



Café in Berlin
Ferien in Frankfurt
Karneval in Köln
Momente in München
Ahoi aus Hamburg
Plötzlich in Palermo
Walzer in Wien
Zurück in Zürich
Schlamassel in Stuttgart
Digital in Dresden
Lockdown in Liechtenstein

Mord am Morgen
Die Dritte Hand
Des Spielers Tod
Zum Bärenhaus
Heidis Frühstück

PS. These are all audiobooks!



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Aschkalon fantasy trilogy

Genowrin
Shanima
Targarax

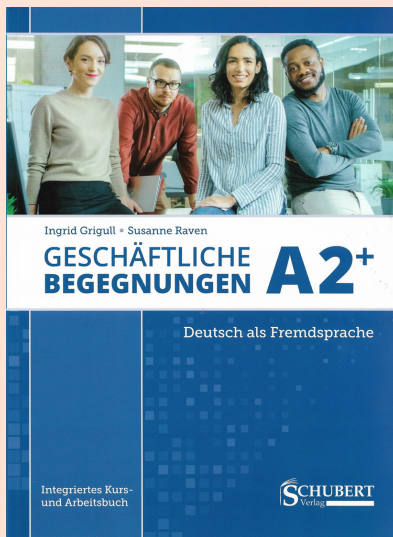
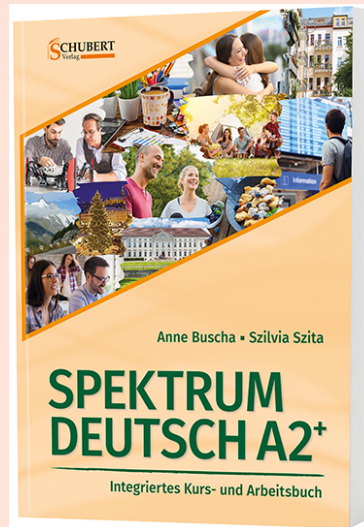
70+ issues of Deutsch Perfekt
featuring the two special editions

A magazine meant for
the learners of German!

We have all issues for the year
2018, 2019 & 2020



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Apart from these, we also use grammar workbooks

Spektrum & Begegnungen are widely used in USA & Europe to offer an enriching learning experience