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LANGUAGE CHECKLIST

German Syllabus Checklist

Tick off what you can do, and find the course and chapter that teaches it.

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What you can learn here, and where

✅ Your German Checklist

This page lists what the German courses on this site teach, as things you can do. Tick an item when you can do it, and use the last column to find the course and chapter that teaches it. Print the PDF to keep a copy that you can tick with a pen.

HOW TO USE THIS PAGE

The sections follow the order of the courses: **sounds and spelling**, **everyday situations** (German Basic Conversation 1 to 4), and the **grammar track** (German Grammar 1 to 4). The level tags in the headings (A1 to B2) are rough guides on the European scale, not promises. Ticks on the website are not saved when you leave the page, so the printable PDF is the way to keep your progress.

1. Sounds and spelling

German is spelled fairly regularly once you know the patterns. These items cover the sound system and pronunciation.

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	spell my name aloud in German	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 2 (Introducing Yourself)
☐	say the umlauts, ß and ch, and the sounds of sp-, st-, ei/ie and eu/äu	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 1 (The Sound Map)
☐	tell long vowels from short ones, and use final devoicing and word stress	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 1 (The Sound Map)

2. Everyday situations

The four Basic Conversation courses teach what to say in each situation, with dialogs. Each course has twelve chapters.

German Basic Conversation 1 (about A1)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	greet people, say goodbye, ask "how are you?" and choose between *du* and *Sie*	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 1 (Greetings & Goodbyes)
☐	say and ask names, introduce someone, and say "nice to meet you"	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 2 (Introducing Yourself)
☐	count from 0 to 100, say my age, and give a phone number and email address	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 3 (Numbers, Age & Contact Details)
☐	say where I am from and where I live, with countries, nationalities and languages	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 4 (Where You're From)
☐	talk about my family and say whether I am married or have children	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 5 (Talking About Your Family)
☐	say what I do and where I work	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 6 (Talking About Your Job)
☐	give days, dates and the time, in everyday and 24-hour German	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 7 (Days, Dates & Telling the Time)
☐	order food and drink politely with *ich möchte* and pay the bill	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 8 (Ordering Food & Drink at a Café)
☐	shop, ask prices, talk about sizes and colours, and pay	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 9 (Shopping & Prices)
☐	ask for and understand directions	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 10 (Asking for Directions)
☐	book a hotel room, check in and out, and report a problem	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 11 (Booking a Hotel)
☐	buy tickets and ask about trains, platforms, buses and taxis	**German Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 12 (Getting Around)

German Basic Conversation 2 (A1 to A2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	describe my daily routine with times, sequence words and separable verbs	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 1 (Your Daily Routine)
☐	talk about hobbies and free time	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 2 (Hobbies & Free Time)
☐	make plans and invitations, and accept or decline them politely	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 3 (Making Plans & Invitations)
☐	describe people and things, and compare them	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 4 (Describing People & Things)
☐	describe my home and neighbourhood	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 5 (Your Home & Neighbourhood)
☐	talk about the weather and the seasons, and make small talk	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 6 (Weather & Seasons)
☐	eat out: book a table, order a full meal, state dietary needs and complain politely	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 7 (Eating Out)
☐	go to the doctor, describe symptoms and ask for medicine	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 8 (At the Doctor)
☐	talk about the past with the *Perfekt*	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 9 (Talking About the Past)
☐	make phone calls and arrange or cancel appointments	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 10 (Phone Calls)
☐	give opinions and agree or disagree politely, with a reason	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 11 (Opinions & Preferences)
☐	ask for help when something goes wrong	**German Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 12 (When Things Go Wrong)

German Basic Conversation 3 (A2 to B1)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	buy clothes, describe size and fit, and exchange goods	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 1 (Buying Clothes)
☐	plan and book a trip, and talk about the future with *werden*	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 2 (Planning a Trip)
☐	use the post office and the bank, pay bills, and ask polite indirect questions	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 3 (Post, Bank & Bills)
☐	ask about, view and rent a flat, using the dative case	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 4 (Looking for a Home)
☐	apply for a job and take part in an interview	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 5 (Work & Careers)
☐	take part in meetings, write emails and give instructions	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 6 (At Work)
☐	tell my own story: childhood, school and life so far	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 7 (Telling Your Story)
☐	talk about technology and the news, using relative clauses	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 8 (Technology & Media)
☐	give advice and make suggestions	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 9 (Advice & Suggestions)
☐	express wishes and polite requests, and say what I would do	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 10 (Wishes & Hopes)
☐	talk about customs, festivals and traditions	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 11 (Customs & Festivals)
☐	talk about settling in abroad and making friends	**German Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 12 (Living Abroad)

German Basic Conversation 4 (B1)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	talk about fitness, injuries, diet and sleep	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 1 (Health & Fitness)
☐	shop for ingredients and follow a recipe	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 2 (Cooking & Recipes)
☐	talk about cars, driving, breakdowns and traffic rules	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 3 (Driving & Cars)
☐	deal with forms, documents and official letters	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 4 (Offices & Paperwork)
☐	talk about courses, studying and exams	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 5 (Learning & Education)
☐	shop online, handle returns and make a complaint	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 6 (Online Shopping & Rights)
☐	tell a story in the past tenses	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 7 (Telling a Story)
☐	talk about films, books, music and reviews	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 8 (Culture & Entertainment)
☐	talk about nature, climate and the environment	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 9 (Nature & Environment)
☐	talk about relationships, weddings and celebrations	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 10 (Relationships & Celebrations)
☐	discuss issues, build an argument and report what others say	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 11 (Discussing Issues)
☐	talk about my plans and goals	**German Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 12 (Looking Ahead)

3. The grammar track

The four grammar courses explain how the language works, with tables, examples and practice. The sound chapter (German Grammar 1, Chapter 1, listed in section 1), the overview chapters

(Chapter 1 of Grammar 2 and 3) and the review chapters ("Putting It Together") are not listed as items here.

German Grammar 1: nouns, cases and adjectives (A1 to A2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	tell the gender of a noun, and use *der, die, das*	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 2 (Nouns and Gender)
☐	form the plural of nouns	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 3 (Plurals)
☐	use the nominative case and its articles	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 4 (The Nominative)
☐	use the accusative case and its prepositions	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 5 (The Accusative)
☐	use the dative case and its prepositions	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 6 (The Dative)
☐	use the two-way prepositions and choose between *wo?* and *wohin?*	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 7 (Two-Way Prepositions)
☐	use the genitive case and the genitive prepositions	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 8 (The Genitive)
☐	use adjective endings after an article	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 9 (Adjective Endings I)
☐	use adjective endings without an article, and compare adjectives	**German Grammar 1**, Chapter 10 (Adjective Endings II)

German Grammar 2: the present tense, word order and clauses (A1 to A2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	conjugate regular verbs in the present, with their spelling changes	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 2 (Regular Verbs)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use *sein, haben, werden* and the stem-changing verbs	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 3 (Sein, Haben, Werden)
☐	use the modal verbs	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 4 (Modal Verbs)
☐	use separable and inseparable verbs	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 5 (Separable Verbs)
☐	use reflexive and impersonal verbs	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 6 (Reflexive Verbs)
☐	give commands and requests with the imperative	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 7 (The Imperative)
☐	make negative sentences	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 8 (Negation)
☐	put the words in the right order in a main clause	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 9 (Word Order)
☐	ask questions and form indirect questions	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 10 (Questions)
☐	build subordinate clauses and infinitive clauses	**German Grammar 2**, Chapter 11 (Subordinate Clauses)

German Grammar 3: past, future, *Konjunktiv II* and passive (A2 to B1)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	form past participles	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 2 (Past Participles)
☐	form and use the *Perfekt*	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 3 (The Perfekt)
☐	use the *Präteritum* of *sein, haben* and the modals	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 4 (Sein, Haben, Modals)
☐	read the *Präteritum* of regular, strong and mixed verbs	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 5 (Reading the Past)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	choose between the *Perfekt* and the *Präteritum*	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 6 (Perfekt or Präteritum)
☐	use the *Plusquamperfekt* and time clauses	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 7 (Before the Past)
☐	talk about the future	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 8 (The Future)
☐	form the *Konjunktiv II*	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 9 (Konjunktiv II Forms)
☐	use the *Konjunktiv II* for requests, wishes and unreal conditions	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 10 (Konjunktiv II Uses)
☐	form and use the passive voice	**German Grammar 3**, Chapter 11 (The Passive)

German Grammar 4: pronouns, clauses and formal German (B1 to B2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use personal, possessive and reflexive pronouns	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 1 (Personal Pronouns)
☐	use demonstrative, indefinite and interrogative pronouns	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 2 (Pointing and Asking)
☐	build relative clauses	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 3 (Relative Clauses)
☐	use verbs with fixed prepositions and prepositional compounds	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 4 (Verbs with Prepositions)
☐	use participles as adjectives and recognise extended attributes	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 5 (Participles)
☐	use reported speech and recognise the *Konjunktiv I*	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 6 (Reported Speech)
☐	link clauses with conjunctions, connecting adverbs and two-part pairs	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 7 (Connectors)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	understand modal particles and the spoken register	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 8 (Spoken German)
☐	build and take apart compound words	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 9 (Word Formation)
☐	read and write formal letters, and recognise nominal style	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 10 (Formal Writing)
☐	recognise common idioms, registers and false friends	**German Grammar 4**, Chapter 11 (Idiom and Register)

4. Not yet on this site

Some things are not taught yet, so this checklist does not claim them.

- There are **no Intermediate or Advanced German conversation courses** yet. When they are written, this page will gain new sections.
- Newspaper and workplace German appear only inside parts of other chapters, not as courses of their own.
- Reading long original texts, writing formal German at length and listening practice are not covered.
- Austrian and Swiss German are covered only briefly (German Grammar 4, Chapter 11).

> **About accuracy**
> Every chapter ends with a “Not Yet Verified” box that says which facts were checked by a web search and which come from general knowledge. No chapter was checked against a dictionary or by a native speaker. If you plan to rely on a form, check it with a dictionary, a teacher or a native speaker, especially strong verb forms, adjective endings, the *Konjunktiv* and formal register.

Keep going. Revisit a chapter whenever an item on this list is still unticked. The grammar chapters each have a quick-reference table for a fast check.