

Language Express – German Beginners' ONE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

The following is an approximate list of content covered during term 1 & 2 of the course. This corresponds to the first half of the coursebook *Willkommen! German Beginners' course - Coursebook*, 3rd edition by Paul Coggle & Heiner Schenke (2018).

Please read carefully to ensure you choose the correct level for yourself according to your abilities and previous knowledge. If you feel confident in using more than 65% of the content in the course, your level is too advanced. If this is the case, please see the [Languages for All webpage](#) for higher levels available on German Beginners' Two or our Online Portfolio.

Topics:

- greetings
- countries, nationalities, jobs, studies
- food and drink
- the clock, telling the time, days of the week
- family relationships
- everyday objects
- preferences and leisure activities
- ordering food and drink in a café/ in a restaurant
- town / orientation with directions
- types of accommodation; rooms, furniture and equipment
- some basic facts about the three German speaking countries; Christmas in Germany

Grammar points:

- alphabet and numbers
- forming wh-questions (*was, wie, wo, wer*) - interrogatives
- asking yes/no-questions
- present tense of weak verbs and *sein* (to be)
- gender and articles of nouns
- possessive adjectives
- accusative case (+prepositions, + articles)

- the imperative
- separable prefix verbs
- modal verbs
- word order

Speaking abilities:

- greetings, asking formal and informal questions
- introducing yourself and giving information about others
- telling the time, saying and understanding numbers, prices, times
- family (understanding information about other people's families and talking about your family)
- stating preferences – saying what you like and don't like doing/eating/drinking
- making and responding to suggestions and invitations
- ordering a meal/a drink
- asking and giving directions
- talking about daily routine and leisure activities

Other:

- formal and informal 'you' and ways of addressing others
- compound nouns