

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 nine or ten chapters of the coursebook **Das Leben A1** by Hermann Funk, Christina Kuhn, Laura Nielsen and Rita von Eggeling. (*First edition, 2022 Print Run*). Cornelsen publishers, Berlin. ISBN 978-3-06-122089-1 Kurs- und Übungsbuch (course and activity book). ISBN 978-3-06-122106-5 (E-Book only). Purchasing a paper copy of the course and activity book will provide you with access to the E-Book as well as the audio and video files. Please ensure you buy the **A1** complete edition (Gesamtband) rather than the shorter A1.1 edition (Teilband)

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
- everyday objects
- preferences and leisure activities
- ordering food and drink in a café/
in a restaurant
- food blogs
- asking for directions
- reading timetables – public transport
- types of accommodation; rooms,
furniture and equipment
- office life and tasks at work
- some basic facts about the three
German speaking countries; Christmas
in Germany

Grammar points:

- alphabet and numbers
- forming wh-questions (*was, wie, wo, wer*)
- 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 number, prices, times
- 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
- pronunciation tips
- polite forms using the conditional

Culture:

- Cultural differences between DACH countries
- Linguistic differences between DACH countries
- Geographical features
- Celebrations, traditions, customs, etc.
- Comparisons between students' native language and German