

Language Express – German Beginners TWO 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 A2** by *Hermann Funk, Christina Kuhn, Laura Nielsen and Rita von Eggeling*. (First edition, 2022 Print Run). *Cornelsen publishers, Berlin*. ISBN: 978 - 3 -06 -122090-7 Kurs und Übungsbuch (course and activity book). ISBN: 978-3-06-122109-6 (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 **A2** complete edition (Gesamtband) rather than the shorter A2.1 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 our Online Portfolio.

Topics:

- class reunions – invitations and planning events
- naming, describing and buying goods
- talking about daily routine and work
- travelling around town
- speaking of past events
- living preferences and furniture
- literature
- festivals

Grammar points:

- articles and prepositions with accusative and dative case
- present perfect tense, past tense of *sein* and *haben*
- irregular verbs in the preterite (imperfect – simple past tense)
- making comparisons: comparative and superlative
- reflexive pronouns
- relative clauses
- adjective endings
- direct and indirect objects
- dative case - personal pronouns
- modal verbs

Speaking abilities:

- planning a class reunion
- making and describing purchases
- saying where people live, describing rooms
- discussing pros and cons of the media – mobile phones / internet / reading
- discussing regional meals and specialities
- offering help and advice
- reporting on public transport
- speaking on the phone and answering a call

Other:

- information on the German-speaking countries
- comparing cultural differences between DACH countries
- celebrations, traditions, customs etc.
- comparisons between students' native language and German