

## Language levels: A1 - C2 / Examples

There are 6 language levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2.

A1 is the lowest (beginner), C2 is the highest (very high command, similar to that of a native-speaker).

### - A1: total beginner, no knowledge of German

At this level you make your first steps in German and acquire basic knowledge. If you finish such an A1 course at a language school successfully you can say hello and goodbye, introduce yourself, talk about your personal life with other people, talk about your family, your hobbies, interests, likes/dislikes, learn vocabulary for describing every-day things/phenomena like weather, home-appliances like tv, furniture, office and study tools like books, pen, scissors, learn vocabulary for means of transport like bus, tram, ticket, discount, numbers 1-1000, learn how to ask and answer what time it is, learn the days of the week, the names of months, you can conduct basic small talk, learn vocabulary for food, expressions for ordering food, vocabulary for parts of the body, basic verbs like to be, to have, to go, to ask, to understand, to know, to learn, etc., and all the 6 modal verbs ...)

### - A2 advanced beginner.

If you complete A2 level successfully you can talk and write about situations where you need to use the past tense and future tense to talk about your past (for example what you did last weekend, what you plan for your next holidays). You can also give explanations using sentences starting with "why" and "because" (e.g: "I cannot visit you because I am sick"). You can describe people ("The girl is young and tall, has brown hair, wears jeans and a blue shirt..."), places or rooms. You can use vocabulary and expressions in case of emergency like parts of the body, sicknesses, say/tell what hurts, how you feel when you go to the doctor. You can talk about different jobs and describe what people do ("a nurse works in the hospital, a teacher works at school" etc.). Finally, you can also describe what you do during the day, what you eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner etc.

### - B1 intermediate-beginner.

If you finish a B1 level successfully you understand and can talk/write about what happens around you (for example general news on tv), can express pros/cons of a topic (e.g.: "Are you for or against smoking in restaurants?"), you can take part in discussions and voice your opinion ("I think that...", "I do not agree with ...", ...), you can read short, easy stories (fairy tales,...), can read simple news/articles and summarize them later, can use both past tenses (Imperfekt, Perfekt) and the future tenses (Futur I and Futur II), can use the conditional form ("If I were you I would..."), learn and use all 4 German cases (Nominativ, Dativ, Genetiv, Akkusativ,).

### - B2 upper intermediate.

If you finish a B2 level successfully you have already learned all basic grammar (tenses, verb position, cases) and vocabulary which allows you to understand every day situations and generally participate in discussions with native-speakers, even if you still make mistakes and don't understand every detail. You are able to make a presentation and write a longer essay about specific topics from the news (like: "What do you think about climate change? What do you think about vegetarians? etc.) You are able to understand a professor in a lecture or seminar, do the homework by yourself and write the exam.

### - C1 advanced user

If you finish a C1 level successfully you are quite comfortable while using German with native speakers and using local media (like reading newspapers or news online, listening to the radio, watching tv/movies). You understand news on tv, the radio, the internet, you can read long newspaper articles and books in German, you can read scientific articles for university seminars, you can write essays, exams or a bachelor work in German, you can write official letters/emails to professors etc., you have a good command of German grammar, pronunciation and other skills necessary for academic writing and speaking. Grammatical, lexical, orthographical mistakes occur only occasionally and do not affect the communication in any serious way.

**- C2 professional user**

If you finish a C2 level successfully you are very confident in using German as a working language for your academic or business communication including writing official papers, articles, emails, contracts, negotiating with native speakers, giving speeches or preparing presentations for a bigger audience.