



BWS Language Evening Classes – Course Description

Beginners' German Part 1

Required starting level

Willkommen! This class is designed for complete beginners who want to acquire a basic knowledge of the language to communicate in practical situations and who are not frightened of making mistakes. No previous knowledge is required, just the willingness to have a go and learn.

Aims & working methods

The aim of the course is to provide you with basic speaking and listening skills which will increase your confidence in using German when you are abroad. But there will also be a few reading and writing activities.

It is suitable for those wanting to learn for fun or for those wanting to progress onto the next level. There is no formal testing.

Together we will explore the German language in a relaxed, friendly and supportive atmosphere. The sessions involve a great variety of activities like pair work, group work, whole class work, games, role-plays and CDs.

Textbooks

A book is not required to start with. There will be hand-outs.

What to bring to class

You should bring a pen, a notebook and an A4 folder for the hand-outs.

Homework

You will have regular homework involving preparation, grammar or written exercises.

Topic areas

Emphasis will be on vocabulary, pronunciation, verbs and grammar, starting simply and gradually increasing knowledge and confidence.

Typically: Alphabet, numbers, greetings and introductions, talking about yourself and family, getting to know people, speaking about occupations, nationalities, days and months, the weather, shopping for food, understanding prices, ordering food and drink, paying the bill, inquiring about places in town and understanding directions, finding out about traditions and customs, present tense of verbs and the imperative, forming simple sentences and questions.

Next Steps

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over two terms: an initial shorter term during the autumn, leading into a second longer term from January through to mid-May.

On completion of the course, you may feel inspired to continue studying German and join the Beginners' Part 2 course the following year.