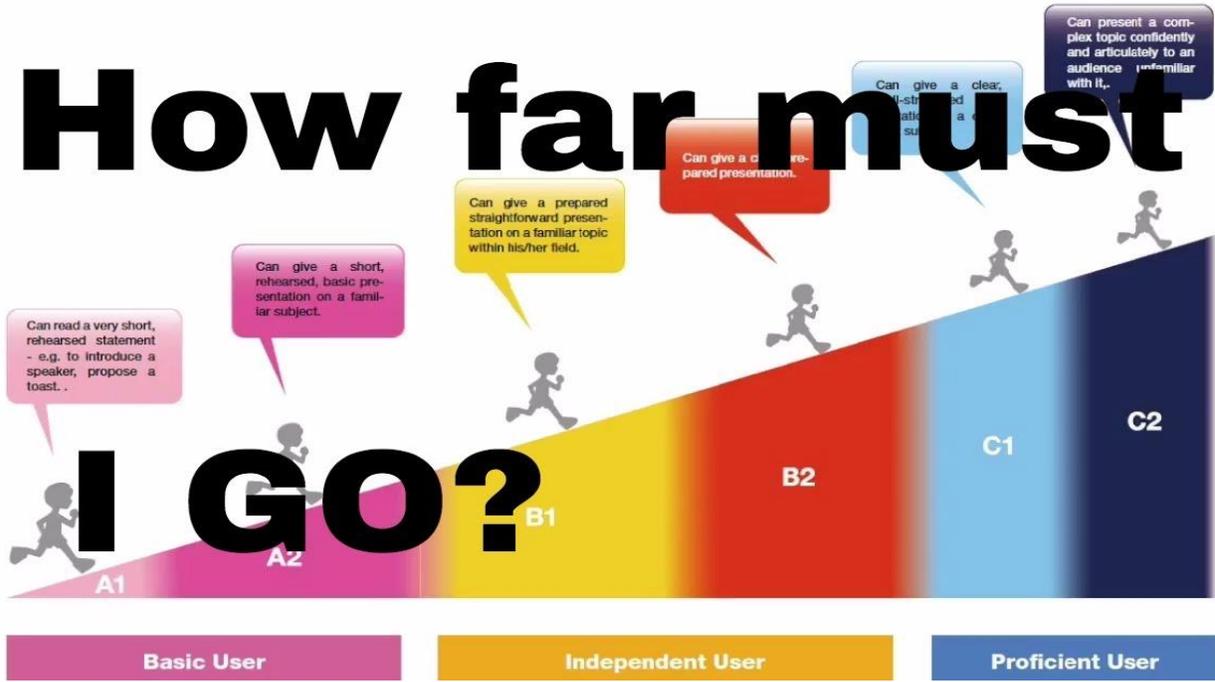




# How far must I GO?



# German Elementary Course Curriculum

Our German for Absolute Beginners course syllabus provides a first contact with the language for those students with no previous knowledge or studied it a long time ago. The syllabus is based on different topics that will help you get by when meeting German speaking people. At the same time, it introduces the workings and sounds of the language and it provides the necessary tools to enable students to make sentences from scratch.

## Module # 1: Topics & Vocabulary:

### ➤ Topics:

- Professions
- Alphabet and numbers
- Family and friends
- Prices and shopping
- Asking about things and describing things – likes and dislikes
- Telephoning, emails and texting.
- Confirming and cancelling an appointment
- Times of the day
- Talking about abilities (Du kannst ja super tanzen!)
- Asking for permission (Kann ich mal telefonieren?)
- Making arrangements
- Hobbies and leisure time activities – likes and dislikes (usage of gern/e)
- Talking about plans and wishes
- Parts of the body : pains and ills
- Giving advice
- Requests and orders
- Smalltalk – talking about people (appearance, personality)
- Activities in the house
- Giving explanations
- Talking about rules – TRAFFIC, THE ENVIRONMENT, ETC.
- Clothes : descriptions and prices
- The Weather
- Invitations
- Parties and Celebrations
- Giving congratulations

- Family activities and events.
- Talking about careers
- Family stories
- Giving orders
- Using and moving equipment, furniture
- Shopping – food/drink, packaging and weights
- Making plans together
- Suggestions, expressing preferences
- Opinions – travel and tourism
- Reading brochures and displays
- Landscapes and the natural world
- Health, sickness, accidents : sympathy, caring, expressing hope

## **Module # 2: Grammar:**

### ➤ **Topics:**

- Review of verbs (Präteritum, Perfekt, Imperativ, etc.)
- Directional and temporal adverbs
- Adjectives and the indefinite and definite articles
- Wordbuilding (verb + -er, -ung)
- Prepositions of movement and state
- Time prepositions
- Conjunctions weil, deshalb
- Konjunktiv II : könnte, sollte
- Subordinate clause with wenn
- Verbs plus preposition
- Dative-object, dative pronoun and accusative pronoun
- Modal verbs woollen, sollen, dürfen, müssen
- Imperative (Sie)
- The Past Tense (Präteritum) : war, hatte
- Usage of Perfekt and Präteritum in spoken and written German
- Conjunctions (denn)
- Konjunktiv II (würde)
- Comparisons and Similarities
- Basic questions statements and negatives– including questions with question words and yes/no questions
- Verb endings (conjugation) of regular and some irregular verbs in the present tense
- You – formal and informal
- Basic word order – statements, questions

- Gender and indefinite/ definite articles / possessive articles / negation
- Pronouns (Nominative)
- Numbers/ Alphabet
- Singular and plural
- Separable verbs
- Sentence structure with separable verbs or modal verbs
- Modal verb können
- Accusative case
- Core prepositions

### **Module # 3: Cultural Content:**

#### ➤ **Topics**

- You – formal and informal
- Usage of titles (Herr and Frau)
- Life in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- Lots of speaking – inc. situational exercises & interaction
- Revisiting pronunciation rules and numbers
- Plenty of listening activities
- Writing practice e.g. a simple letter (enquiry), emails, texts, biographies
- Talking about leisure and travel in Germany (activities and events)
- Friendships and relationships
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### **Module # 4: Skills Work:**

#### ➤ **Topics:**

- Lots of speaking – inc. situational exercises & interaction
- Basic pronunciation rules
- Plenty of listening activities
- Writing practice, e.g. emails, texts