

So why can I already understand some German?

German and English share the same alphabet, and have similar sounds and sentence structures. German and English are from the same family of languages, and this means many English words have their origins in German.

Just imagine you're in a German *Supermarkt* and have been asked to buy the following items for a party with the other exchange students: *Brot, Butter, Honig, Schokolade, Wurst, Milch, Mineralwasser, Limonade* and *Kaffee*. Would you have found everything?

And did you know that young people in Germany start off at *Kindergarten*, then go to *Schule* and then maybe *Universität*? They carry their *Bücher* in a *Rucksack*, and on the *Wochenende* play such sports as *Fussball, Tennis* or *Basketball*. At school they study *Mathe, Geographie, Englisch* and *Biologie*.

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Why learn German?

Open up to a whole new
world of learning

Did you know that...

German is the most widely spoken language in the European Union?

Germany is a major trading partner of Australia?

Germans are the biggest tourism spenders in the world?

German is the second most common language in cyberspace?

Do you want to...

become a global citizen?

get an edge on others when looking for work?

have fun while you learn?

have conversations with your friends in a whole new language?

Are you interested in...

moving between cultures?

speaking and understanding German?

experiencing the German culture, including the history, food and music?

travelling to Germany?

Do you enjoy...

surfing the net and using technology?

reading about people in other countries?

role-playing and drama?

reading pop culture magazines?

talking about yourself, your friends and your family?

Then German is for you!

By learning German, you open up a whole new learning experience. Learning another language makes it easier to use and understand your own and other languages.

Together, we'll learn about your world and the world of teenagers in Germany – their sports, schools, families, free-time and celebrations.