

German Beginners: Suggested scope and sequence

Topic 1 – Family life, home and neighbourhood

Suggested sub-topics: Introduction to German language (including pronunciation) and German-speaking communities
Greetings and introductions
Family and pets
Simple adjectives, e.g. *streng, intelligent, freundlich*
Appearance and personality (incl. famous Germans as stimulus)
Nationalities and languages
Personal details, e.g. age, birthplace, origin

Topic 2 – Friends, recreation and pastimes

Suggested sub-topics: Leisure and sport
Likes and dislikes
Eating and drinking
Health and fitness
Going out
Frequency, days, dates, time
Special events

Topic 3 – People, places and communities

Suggested sub-topics: Housing
Local area and places of interest
Shops and shopping
Local transport
Home life, including daily routine

Topic 4 – Education and work

Suggested sub-topics: School routines, including timetable
School studies and related activities
Thoughts about teachers
School reports
Part-time work/work experience
Pocket money and saving

Topic 5 – Holidays, travel and tourism

Suggested sub-topics: Seasons and weather
Holiday destinations
Transport
Seeking accommodation
Sightseeing
Help!

Topic 6 – Future plans and aspirations

Suggested sub-topics: Living at home or moving out
Careers and apprenticeships
Driver's licence
Future study and skills
Possibilities and desires (*würde, möchte, könnte*),
e.g. family, travel

Topic 7 – Bringing it all together

Suggested sub-topics: Town and country
Relationships with family and friends
Feelings about school and future
Travelling in German-speaking communities
Living with a host family
Celebrating