

## Welcome!



Hallo!

Did you know that German and English are in the same language family? German might seem tricky, but there are also a lot of similarities. Welcome to the German course! Let's get started!

## I think, therefore...

In English, we say **I am** but **you are**. In German, you do the same thing!

<u>ich</u> I	<u>bin</u> am
<u>du</u> you	<u>bist</u> are
<u>er / sie / es</u> he / she / it	<u>ist</u> is

## Gender isn't binary!

In German, all nouns are either **masculine**, **feminine**, or **neuter**. This is called gender, and it's just a way to sort nouns!

In English, we say **a woman** and **a man**, but in German, words like a change depending on the noun's gender.

masculine	<u>ein Mann</u>
feminine	<u>eine Frau</u>
neuter	<u>ein Kind</u>

## German Sounds

Some letters in German make a different sound than in English. Let's go over a couple of them!

Wasser

Wasser, wir,  
as in "wine"



as in "vine"

Junge



Junge, ja  
as in "yes"

ich



ich, Mädchen  
as in "humid", but stronger

With the **ch** sound, you should be able to feel air if you hold your hand in front of your mouth, and it kind of sounds like a cat hissing!