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This a guide with links for different levels of German from A1-C2. For those of you who want to study in German and have already reached C1 I included some links for help regarding academic writing and other matters.

Disclaimer: I assume no liability! I found these links useful but I am not responsible for any content on their sites.

General

Grammar

1. [Lingolia](#) Grammar, grammar, grammar – though not many examples
2. [Deutschtraining](#) More grammmer
3. [Easy Deutsch](#) Grammart with great lists of exceptions
4. [Deutsch-lernen.com](#) short summary with vocabulary and exercises
5. [Schubert Verlag](#) exercises for all levels
6. [Goethe Games and Exercises](#)
7. [Klett Exercises](#)
8. [Schubert Verlag PDF](#)
9. [Longua Telc](#) grammar and exercises for all levels
10. [Deutschlernen-blog](#)

Reading and Listening

1. [Deutsche Welle!](#) The allrounder for listening and reading
2. [100 Stunden Deutschland](#) Orientierungskurs
3. [Alumniportal: Listening, videos, exams](#)
4. [Deutsch to go - Listening](#)

Others

1. For German-English dictionaries: dict.cc or leo
2. [Youtube ArchStandon](#)
3. [Youtube fröhlichDeutsch](#)
4. [Duden](#) dictionary for advanced learners!
5. [Pons](#) German-german dictionary for beginners
6. [Vocabulary A1-B1](#) Does not orientate on the Goethe A1-C1 scala but is a guide for elementary students. Therefore these words have been composed in a didactic way to introduce kids to writing and spelling. Nevertheless you may find some vocabulary you do not know. BIG minus: **no articles!**
7. [German.net](#) Varied exercises for several levels

A1

Grammar:

1. [A1 Deutschkurs Uni Passau](#) Complete grammar with exercises
2. [Hueber Grammatik course](#) (A1-A2) with vocabulary: course for self-learning

5. [Deutsche Grammatik practise](#) Grammar exercises (A1-A2)

6. [Sprachschule Aktiv München exercises](#) Übungen

7. [Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Listening:

[Youtube Movie from Deutsche Welle](#) Movie A1

[Krimi story on youtube](#) (A1-A2) The reader has an accent though – I think a French one.

Reading:

A lot of people begin with stories for children and fairytales. Do not do this! Reading material for children does not equal A1 since advanced grammar is used, as well as a lot of words A1 does not cover!

[Magic German Stories](#) A1-A2 stories

[Deutsche Welle A1 article](#)

Search for "A1 Geschichten" in the internet and you will find books with extra written A1 stories.

Vocabulary:

[Goethe A1 full vocabulary list](#) scroll down for a full list of Goethe A1 vocabulary

Exams:

1. [A1 Telc exam](#)

2. [A1 Goethe exam](#)

3. [Cib exam](#)

4. [Sprachenportal A1 exam](#)

A2

Grammar:

1. [Deutschkurs A2 Uni Passau](#) Complete grammar with exercises

2. [Hueber course](#) (A1-A2) with vocabulary: course for self-learning

3. [Grammar Deutsch als Fremdsprache](#) (A1-A2.1)

4. [Deutsche Grammatik](#) Grammar exercises (A1-A2)

5. [Sprachschule Aktiv München exercises](#) Übungen

6. [Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Listening:

[Youtube Movie Deutsche Welle A2](#) A2 Film

Reading:

[Deutsche Welle A2 Artikel](#)

Bücher:

Emil und die Detektive von Erich Kästner (A2.2)

Das fliegende Klassenzimmer von Erich Kästner (A2.2)

Die drei ??? von verschiedenen Autoren (A2.2-B1)

Die kleine Hexe von Otfried Preuß (and his other books)

Short Stories in German for Beginners by Olly Richards (A2-B1) It is difficult to find books to read at A2. If you want a real challenge, check out the B1 but be sure that it is very exhausting to great because of the massive vocabulary.

Vocabulary:

[Goethe A2 vocabulary](#) full vocabulary list

Exams:

1. [Goethe A2 exam](#)

B1

Grammar:

1. [Deutschkurs Uni Passau B1](#) Complete guide with exercises
2. [Deutsche Grammatik B1](#) Grammar exercises (B1-B2)
3. [Sprachschule Aktiv München exercises](#) Übungen
4. [Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Listening:

1. Start listening to radio dramas! There are a lot on youtube: For example:

Die drei Fragezeichen. [Here on Youtube](#)

Tina und Tini [Here on Youtube](#)

Hanni und Nanni [Here on Youtube](#)

2. Listening to audio books/ „Hörbücher“

Harry Potter: [For example Harry Potter](#). You would have to buy the original audio book with the great voice of Rufus Beck but this free one has a clearer pronunciation

3. TV look at B2.

4. [Deutschlandfunk Nova](#) Great for listening and reading! Check out their Facebook page! They often post videos with subtitles (B1-C2)

5. Movies/Series

[One example of a free movie on youtube](#)

Others:

[Y-Kollektiv channel](#) documentaries in German. Turn on the subtitles. Interesting topics.

Tipp: If you have DVDs at home, switch the language to German and add German subtitles

Reading:

Get a feeling for the language. While it is exhausting at first keep going! After one book you will see how much easier it is.

[Again Deutschlandfunk Nova](#)

[Deutsche Welle B1 articles](#)

Bücher:

Die drei ??? von verschiedenen Autoren (A2.2-B1)

Die Welle von Morthon Rue

Der Junge im gestreiften Pyjama von John Boyne

Die unendliche Geschichte von Michael Ende

König der Diebe von Cornelia Funkt (B1.2)

Ronja Räubertochter von Astrid Lindgren (and all her other books) Short Stories in German for Beginners by Olly Richards (A2-B1) Short Stories in German for Intermediate Learners by Olly Richards (B1-B2) If you have read Harry Potter in your native language, try it in German.

Vocabulary:

[Goethe B1 vocabulary list](#)

[Goethe List B1.1 with example sentences](#)

Exams:

1. [Goethe B1 exam](#)
2. [Sprachportal exam](#)
3. [Osd exam B1](#)
4. [Telc exam B1 adults](#)
5. [Telc exam B1](#)
6. [Telc exam B1 students](#)

B2

2. [Deutsche Grammatik](#) Grammar exercises (B1-B2)
3. [Sprachschule Aktiv München exercises](#)
4. [Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Listening:

1. Again "Hörspiele". [Fünf Freunde Hörspiel](#) for example

2. and Hörbücher:

3. Podcasts:

[Coldmirror Harry Potter Podcasts](#)!!! this is great (not only for Harry Potter Fans). Though requires a good knowledge of the Umgangssprache...but that's why you should listen to it

[Podcast Fest und Flauschig](#) a lot of popcultural references

[Podcast Sanft und Sorgfältig](#)

[Endgame Podcast \(Spoiler\)](#)

4. TV

[Tagesschau](#) (news) (100 Sekunden Tagesschau)

[Deutsche Welle](#) easier than the Tagesschau

[Das Erste](#) TV for free

[Zdf](#)

[Pro7 livestream](#)

[RTL](#) ganze Folgen

and my favorite: [Arte](#) Some German series: (not for everyone's taste but great for learning German)

Huber und Staller (Krimi/Comedy)

Doctors Diary (Romance, Comedy)

Türkisch für Anfänger (Family/Comedy)

Dark (Thriller/Mystery)

Babylon Berlin (History/Drama)

Club der roten Bänder (Drama/Comedy)

Stromberg (German The Office version)

Familie Braun (Comedy about Neo-Nazis) -> on youtube

Some German movies: (not everyone's taste but great for learning German)

Fuck ju Göthe 1-3 (Comedy)

Er ist wieder da (Comedy)

Honig im Kopf (Family/Comedy) -> all movies of Till Schweiger are like this e.g. Keinohrhase (Family/Romance)

Wer früher stirbt ist länger tot (Comedy)

Das Boot (Drama)

Der geilste Tag (Comedy/Drama) -> Matthias Schweighöfer has also tons of movies

Das Leben der Anderen (DDR/Drama)

Traumschiff Surprise (Comedy) -> Bully Herbigs movies are like all time memes

If you have no concerns about illegal streaming, you find tons of German dubbed series on bs.to, movies on ddl.me.

Reading:

In no other way does your vocabulary expand faster! But do not make the mistake and look every word up you do not know! If you get the context, it is okay. Otherwise reading is just a drag.

[Newspaper: Die Zeit](#)

[Newspaper: Die Süddeutsche](#)

[Deutsche Welle B2 Artikel](#)

Tintenherz von Cornelia Funke (great choice of words)

Tschick von Wolfgang Herrndorf

Der Fall Collini von Ferdinand von Schirach

.....and all other books

Exam:

1. [Goethe exam B2 \(1\)](#)
2. [Goethe exam B2 \(2\)](#)
3. [Sprachportal B2 exam](#)

2. [Deutsche Grammatik C1 Exercises](#)
3. [Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Listening:

1. TV s. B2
2. Advanced audio books
3. Youtubers
4. [Heute Show: political satire](#)
5. [Wdr free documentaries](#)

Reading:

[Deutsche Welle C1 Artikel](#)

Books:

Er ist wieder da von Timur Verne
Sturz der Titanen von Ken Follett
and every book there is + newspaper

Exams/DSH

1. [DSH-Information](#) Beispiele für DSH-Prüfungen
2. [DSH Beispiele](#) Vorbereitung auf die DSH-Prüfung!
3. Bisle-Müller, Hansjörg (2009): Fit für die DSH: Tipps und Übungen. Deutsch als Fremdsprache. Hueber Verlag.
4. [Goethe C1 exam](#)

Vocabulary: no list.

[Deutschlich: Redemittel Statistik](#)

[Redemittel Statistik](#) Redemittel Statistik

[Redemittel Statistik](#) Redemittel Statistik

C1 means writing, writing, writing. The gap between B2 and C1 is the biggest – especially in formal writing many lack.

C2/Preparing for university/et al.

No grammar here

[Schubert exercises C1](#)

[Sprachschule Aktiv Wien Übungen](#)

Phonetik:

1. Middlemann, Doris: Sprechen Hören Sprechen. Übungen zur deutschen Aussprache. Hueber Verlag.
2. Sadly, no great books here. Best way would be to imitate a speaker. So, listen and repeat.

Academic writing:

1. Esselborn-Krumbiegel Helga (2017): Richtig wissenschaftlich schreiben: Wissenschaftssprache in Regeln und Übungen. Uni Tipps: Band 3429.
2. Kastantis-Glotz, Jo (2006): Sprechen Schreiben Mitreden: Training von Vortrag und Aufsatz in der Oberstufe.

Most complicated for non-natives is taking notes while listening! Please practice this. Listen to one of the many lectures of universities on YouTube and try to take notes. The difficulty is writing down what has been said – in your own words – while listening to new input.

Example: [Beispiel Vorlesung](#)

Redewendungen:

1. [Goethe Redewendungen](#) Ein hübsches, interaktives, leider nicht sehr umfangreiches Sprichwörter-Quiz, bei dem man einiges lernen kann.
2. [Opera](#) Eine umfangreiche Sprichwörtersammlung. Wenn man mal wissen will, was es so alles gibt.



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Ultimate German listening practice: Listen to German rap (fast!) and watch regional TV like Bayerischer Rundfunk to get a hang on the dialects.

Reading: You should begin to read German classics to get a feeling for old German writing patterns:

Try: Kafka -Die Verwandlung, Thomas Mann – Tod in Venedig and ETA Hoffmann – Der Schimmelreiter to begin with.

I hope this gave some of you an orientation how to improve your German.

Input is the best way to learn a language.

Switch you phone language to German!

Try taking notes for grocery shopping in German!

Walking home? Name the things you see!

I added ultimate in the title, but it is more semi-ultimate! If you have more useful websites, feel free to share them!

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