Let's Start Counting! 1-12

• **Title:** Die Zahlen 1-12 (The Numbers 1-12)

Let's practice these together. Repeat after me: *eins, zwei, drei...*

• **Pronunciation Tip:** The 'z' in *zwei* and *zwölf* sounds like 'ts'.

Number	German	Pronunciation
1	eins	(eyns)
2	zwei	(tsvy)
3	drei	(dry)
4	vier	(feer)
5	fünf	(fuenf)
6	sechs	(zeks)
7	sieben	(ZEE-ben)
8	acht	(ahkt)
9	neun	(noyn)
10	zehn	(tsehn)
11	elf	(elf)
12	zwölf	(tsvohlf)

Continuing to 20

- Title: Die Zahlen 13-20

Notice the pattern! From 13-19, it's usually the unit number + *zehn* (ten). Watch out for the small changes in 16 and 17.

Number	German	Pronunciation	Literal Translation
13	dreizehn	(DRY-tsehn)	three-ten
14	vierzehn	(FEER-tsehn)	four-ten
15	fünfzehn	(FUENF-tsehn)	five-ten
16	sechzehn	(ZEKH-tsehn)	six-ten
17	siebzehn	(ZEEP-tsehn)	seven-ten
18	achtzehn	(AHKT-tsehn)	eight-ten
19	neunzehn	(NOYN-tsehn)	nine-ten
20	zwanzig	(TSVAHN-tsikh)	twenty

Putting Things in Order

· **Title:** Ordnungszahlen (Ordinal Numbers) - 1st, 2nd, 3rd...

These words are like adjectives, so they need the correct *der*, *die*, or *das* (the) depending on the noun. For example, "the first day" is **der erste Tag**.

Ordinal	German (der, die, das...)	Key Rule
1st	erste	Exceptions: *erste*, *dritte*, *siebte*, *achte*
2nd	zweite	
3rd	dritte	
4th	vierte	From 2nd to 19th, generally add -te
5th	fünfte	
6th	sechste	
7th	siebte	
8th	achte	
10th	zehnte	
20th	zwanzigste	From 20th onwards, add -ste

How to Say "Parts"

• **Title:** Teile – Saying "First Part, Second Part..."

This is very straightforward! The word for "part" is **der Teil**. You just use the ordinal number + *Teil*.

English	German
the first part	**der erste Teil**
the second part	**der zweite Teil**
the third part	**der dritte Teil**
the tenth part	**der zehnte Teil**

Fractions: Halves, Thirds, and Fourths

• **Title:** Brüche (Fractions)

For most fractions, you take the number and add **-tel** (like "part" or "th"). The main exception is "half".

Fraction	German	Pronunciation
1/2	**eine Hälfte**	(EYE-nuh HELF-tuh)
1/3	**ein Drittel**	(eye DRIT-tel)
1/4	**ein Viertel**	(eye FEER-tel)
1/5	**ein Fünftel**	(eye FUENF-tel)
1/10	**ein Zehntel**	(eye TSEHN-tel)
3/4	**drei Viertel**	(dry FEER-tel)

Saying Complex Years (like 1867)

- **Title:** Komplizierte Jahre (Complex Years)

The Golden Rule: You say the year as a full number, not in two parts like in English.

Year	German	Pronunciation Guide	Logic
1776	siebzehnhundertsechsundsiebzig	(zeep-tsehn-HOON-dert-zeks-oont-zeep-tsikh)	17 - 100 - 6 & 70
1867	achtzehnhundertsiebenundsechzig	(ahkt-tsehn-HOON-dert-ZEE-ben-oont-zekh-tsikh)	18 - 100 - 7 & 60
1999	neunzehnhundertneunundneunzig	(noyn-tsehn-HOON-dert-NOYN-oont-noyn-tsikh)	19 - 100 - 9 & 90
2024	zweitausendvierundzwanzig	(TSVY-tow-zend-FEER-oont-TSVAN-tsikh)	2000 - 4 & 20

Tip: For years before 2000, the formula is: **(first two digits) + hundert + (last two digits)**. Remember, the last two digits are said with the unit first (e.g., *siebenundsechzig* is "seven-and-sixty").

Let's Practice Together!

- **Title:** Lass uns üben! (Let's practice!)

Question	Answer
What is the German word for **15**?	fünfzehn
How do you say **"the 3rd part"**?	der dritte Teil
How do you say **"one half"**?	eine Hälfte
How would a German say the year **1989**?	neunzehnhundertneunundachtzig
What is **ein Viertel** in English?	one fourth / a quarter

Summary & Goodbye

- **Title:** Zusammenfassung (Summary)

What we learned	How it works
Numbers 1-20	The essential building blocks.
Ordinal Numbers	Add **-te** (1st-19th) or **-ste** (20th+).
Parts	**Ordinal Number + Teil** (e.g., *der vierte Teil*).
Fractions	Number + **-tel** (except for *eine Hälfte*).
Years	Say them as a single, full number.