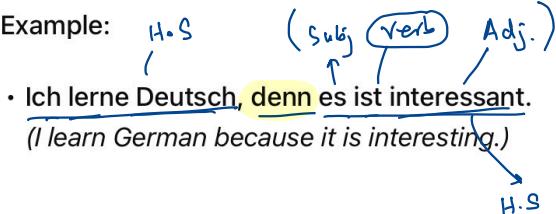


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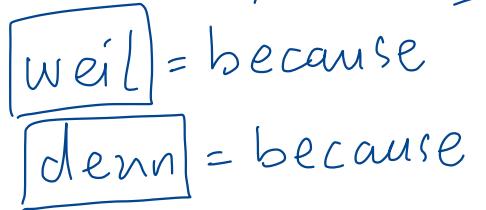
What is "denn"?

"denn" is a coordinating conjunction that means "because" or "for".

Example:



- Ich lerne Deutsch, denn es ist interessant.
(I learn German because it is interesting.)



How to Use "denn"

A. Word Order with "denn"

Normal word order continues after "denn":

Main clause, denn + Subject + Verb + Rest

Examples:

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- Diagram illustrating the sentence structure:
- Conjunction (weil)
 - Subject (ich)
 - Predicate (müde)
 - Verb (bin)
 - Verb (sein) → written next to 'bin'
- The conjunction "weil" and the verb "bin" are circled.
- Ich gehe jetzt, denn ich bin müde.
(I'm going now because I am tired.)
 - Sie bleibt zu Hause, denn sie hat Arbeit.
(She stays at home because she has work.)
 - Wir lernen viel, denn die Prüfung ist schwer.
(We study a lot because the exam is difficult.)

B. Always Use a Comma

There is always a comma before "denn":

- Richtig: Ich lerne Deutsch, denn es ist wichtig.
- Falsch: Ich lerne Deutsch denn es ist wichtig. X

When to Use "denn"

Use "denn" when:

- Giving a reason or explanation
- In written German (slightly more formal)
- For emphasis or variety in writing

More Examples:

- Er kommt nicht, **denn** er ist krank.
(He's not coming because he is sick.)
- Das Café ist voll, **denn** heute ist Sonntag.
(The café is full because today is Sunday.)
- Ich trinke Tee, **denn** Kaffee ist zu stark.
(I drink tea because coffee is too strong.)

The Key Difference: WORD ORDER

"denn" → Normal Word Order

Main clause, denn + Subject + Verb + Rest

- Ich bleibe hier, denn das Wetter ist gut.
(I'm staying here because the weather is good.)
- Structure: denn + Subject (das Wetter) + Verb (ist) + Rest (gut)

"weil" → Verb to the END

Main clause, weil + Subject + Rest + Verb

- Ich bleibe hier, weil das Wetter gut ist.
(I'm staying here because the weather is good.)
- Structure: weil + Subject (das Wetter) + Rest (gut) + Verb (ist)