

DE A1 German Useful Phrases – Cheatsheet

Tips:

- Learn phrases in context (greetings, shopping, travel, etc.).
- Say them out loud using the pronunciation guide.
- This list covers daily interactions, polite expressions, and basic conversations.
- Group phrases by context to memorize faster.
- Combine phrases with nouns from the A1 Nouns PDF to make mini-conversations.
- Keep a notebook or flashcards with tricky phrases for review.
- Add polite expressions to sound natural (bitte, danke, Entschuldigung).

1 Greetings & Basic Expressions

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Hallo	Hello	<i>hah-loh</i>	Informal
Guten Morgen	Good morning	<i>goo-ten mor-gen</i>	Formal/informal
Guten Tag	Good day / Hello	<i>goo-ten tahk</i>	Formal
Guten Abend	Good evening	<i>goo-ten ah-bent</i>	Formal
Gute Nacht	Good night	<i>goo-teh nahkt</i>	Use when going to bed
Tschüss	Bye	<i>chooss</i>	Informal

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Auf Wiedersehen	Goodbye	<i>owf vee-der-zay-en</i>	Formal
Wie geht's?	How are you?	<i>vee gayts</i>	Informal
Wie geht es Ihnen?	How are you?	<i>vee gayt es ee-nen</i>	Formal
Mir geht's gut	I'm fine	<i>meer gayts goot</i>	Response
Danke	Thank you	<i>dahn-keh</i>	Always polite
Vielen Dank	Thank you very much	<i>fee-len dahnk</i>	More formal/emphatic
Bitte	Please / You're welcome	<i>bit-teh</i>	Use for both manners
Entschuldigung	Excuse me / Sorry	<i>ent-shool-dee-goong</i>	Polite

2 Introducing Yourself

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Ich heiße...	My name is...	<i>ish hi-seh</i>	Use with your name
Mein Name ist...	My name is...	<i>mine nah-meh ist</i>	Formal introduction
Ich bin...	I am...	<i>ish bin</i>	Informal introduction
Freut mich	Nice to meet you	<i>froyt mish</i>	Formal/informal
Woher kommen Sie?	Where are you from?	<i>voh-hair koh-men zee</i>	Formal

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Woher kommst du?	Where are you from?	<i>voh-hair komst doo</i>	Informal
Ich komme aus...	I come from...	<i>ish koh-meh ous</i>	Response to above

3 Asking Questions & Directions

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Wo ist...?	Where is...?	<i>voh ist</i>	Example: Wo ist der Bahnhof?
Wie viel kostet das?	How much does this cost?	<i>vee feel koh-stet das</i>	Shopping
Können Sie mir helfen?	Can you help me?	<i>kern-en zee meer hel-fen</i>	Polite request
Entschuldigung, wo ist die Toilette?	Excuse me, where is the toilet?	<i>ent-shool-dee-goong, voh ist dee toi-leh-teh</i>	Very important!
Wie komme ich zum/zur...?	How do I get to...?	<i>vee koh-meh ish tsum/tsur</i>	Directions
Links	Left	<i>links</i>	Directions
Rechts	Right	<i>rekhts</i>	Directions
Geradeaus	Straight ahead	<i>geh-rah-deh-ows</i>	Directions
An der Ecke	At the corner	<i>an der ek-keh</i>	Directions

4 Shopping & Ordering Food

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Ich möchte...	I would like...	<i>ish merh-teh</i>	Polite ordering
Einen Kaffee, bitte	A coffee, please	<i>eye-nen kah-feh bit-teh</i>	Example
Die Speisekarte, bitte	The menu, please	<i>dee shpai-zeh-kar-teh bit-teh</i>	Restaurant
Ich hätte gern...	I would like...	<i>ish het-teh gern</i>	Alternative to Ich möchte
Zahlen, bitte	The check, please	<i>tsah-len bit-teh</i>	At restaurant
Wo ist der Supermarkt?	Where is the supermarket?	<i>voh ist der soo-per-markt</i>	Shopping
Wie viel kostet das?	How much does it cost?	<i>vee feel koh-stet das</i>	Shopping
Kann ich mit Karte zahlen?	Can I pay by card?	<i>kahn ish mit kar-teh tsah-len</i>	Useful phrase

5 Travel & Transportation

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Ich möchte ein Ticket nach...	I would like a ticket to...	<i>ish merh-teh ine tik-ket nahkh</i>	Train/bus
Ein Einzelfahrtschein, bitte	A single ticket, please	<i>ine ine-tsel-fahr-shine bit-teh</i>	Public transport
Eine Fahrkarte hin und zurück	A round-trip ticket	<i>ine fahr-kar-teh hin oont tsu-rueck</i>	Train/bus
Wann fährt der Zug?	When does the train leave?	<i>vahn fehrt der tsoog</i>	Public transport

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Wo ist der Bahnhof?	Where is the train station?	<i>voh ist der ban-hoff</i>	Travel
Wie lange dauert die Fahrt?	How long is the journey?	<i>vee lang-eh dau-ert dee fahrt</i>	Travel
Haltestelle	Stop / station	<i>hal-teh-shtel-leh</i>	Bus/tram stop
Zug	Train	<i>tsoog</i>	

6 Emergencies & Help

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Hilfe!	Help!	<i>hil-feh</i>	Urgent
Ich habe mich verlaufen	I'm lost	<i>ish hah-be mish fer-lau-fen</i>	Travel
Ich brauche einen Arzt	I need a doctor	<i>ish brow-khe eye-nen artz</i>	Medical
Polizei!	Police!	<i>po-lee-tsei</i>	Emergency
Feuer!	Fire!	<i>foy-er</i>	Emergency
Ich fühle mich nicht wohl	I don't feel well	<i>ish fyuh-leh mish nikht vol</i>	Medical

7 Basic Conversation Fillers

German	English	Pronunciation	Notes
Ja	Yes	<i>yah</i>	Simple
Nein	No	<i>nine</i>	Simple
Vielleicht	Maybe	<i>fee-lykh-t</i>	Common filler
Natürlich	Of course	<i>nah-tooer-likh</i>	Polite conversation
Ich verstehe nicht	I don't understand	<i>ish fer-shteh-eh nikht</i>	Important phrase
Können Sie das bitte wiederholen?	Can you repeat that?	<i>kern-en zee das bit-teh vee-der-ho-len</i>	Polite request
Langsam, bitte	Slow down, please	<i>lang-zahm bit-teh</i>	Useful for beginners

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