

# DE A1 German Alphabet & Basics – Cheatsheet

## Tips:

- Learn letters + pronunciation first — this helps reading all German words.
- Pair letters with sample words to practice sound and spelling.
- Include days, months, and numbers for everyday use.

## 1 German Alphabet (A–Z) with Sample Nouns

Letter	Letter Pronunciation	Example Noun	Noun Pronunciation	English
A	ah	der Apfel	<i>der ap-fel</i>	apple
Ä	eh	das Mädchen	<i>das meh-dchen</i>	girl
B	beh	das Brot	<i>das bro-teh</i>	bread
C	tseh	der Computer	<i>der kom-poo-ter</i>	computer
D	deh	der Hund	<i>der hoond</i>	dog
E	eh	das Ei	<i>das ay</i>	egg
F	eff	der Fisch	<i>der fish</i>	fish
G	geh	der Garten	<i>der gar-ten</i>	garden
H	hah	das Haus	<i>das hows</i>	house

Letter	Letter Pronunciation	Example Noun	Noun Pronunciation	English
I	ee	die Insel	<i>dee in-zel</i>	island
J	yot	der Junge	<i>der yung-geh</i>	boy
K	kah	die Katze	<i>dee kaht-zeh</i>	cat
L	ell	die Lampe	<i>dee lam-peh</i>	lamp
M	emm	die Mutter	<i>dee mu-ter</i>	mother
N	enn	die Nacht	<i>dee nahkt</i>	night
O	oh	das Obst	<i>das ohbst</i>	fruit
Ö	er	der Ölbaum	<i>der uhl-baum</i>	olive tree
P	peh	der Park	<i>der park</i>	park
Q	koo	die Qualle	<i>dee kva-leh</i>	jellyfish
R	err	die Rose	<i>dee roh-zeh</i>	rose
S	ess	die Sonne	<i>dee zon-neh</i>	sun
ß	ess-tsett	die Straße	<i>dee shtrah-seh</i>	street
T	teh	der Tisch	<i>der tish</i>	table
U	oo	die Uhr	<i>dee ohr</i>	clock/watch
Ü	ue	das Über	<i>das ue-ber</i>	over
V	fau	der Vogel	<i>der foh-gel</i>	bird
W	veh	das Wasser	<i>das vah-ser</i>	water
X	ix	das Taxi	<i>das tak-see</i>	taxi
Y	üpsilon	das Yoga	<i>das yo-ga</i>	yoga

Letter	Letter Pronunciation	Example Noun	Noun Pronunciation	English
<b>z</b>	<i>tset</i>	der Zug	<i>der tsoog</i>	train

## 2 Numbers (1–20)

German	English	Pronunciation
<b>eins</b>	1	<i>ayns</i>
<b>zwei</b>	2	<i>tsvy</i>
<b>drei</b>	3	<i>dry</i>
<b>vier</b>	4	<i>feer</i>
<b>fünf</b>	5	<i>fuenf</i>
<b>sechs</b>	6	<i>zex</i>
<b>sieben</b>	7	<i>zee-ben</i>
<b>acht</b>	8	<i>ahkt</i>
<b>neun</b>	9	<i>noin</i>
<b>zehn</b>	10	<i>tsayn</i>
<b>elf</b>	11	<i>elf</i>
<b>zwölf</b>	12	<i>tsvuelf</i>
<b>dreizehn</b>	13	<i>dry-tsayn</i>
<b>vierzehn</b>	14	<i>feer-tsayn</i>
<b>fünfzehn</b>	15	<i>fuenf-tsayn</i>
<b>sechzehn</b>	16	<i>zex-tsayn</i>

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siebzehn	17	zeeb-tsayn
achtzehn	18	ahkt-tsayn
neunzehn	19	noin-tsayn
zwanzig	20	tsvan-tsig

## 3 Days of the Week

German	English	Pronunciation
der Montag	Monday	mon-tahk
der Dienstag	Tuesday	deens-tahk
der Mittwoch	Wednesday	mitt-vokh
der Donnerstag	Thursday	don-ers-tahk
der Freitag	Friday	fry-tahk
der Samstag	Saturday	zahm-stahk
der Sonntag	Sunday	zon-tahk

## 4 Months

German	English	Pronunciation
der Januar	January	yah-noo-ahr
der Februar	February	feh-broo-ahr
der März	March	mehrts

German	English	Pronunciation
<b>der April</b>	April	<i>ah-pril</i>
<b>der Mai</b>	May	<i>my</i>
<b>der Juni</b>	June	<i>yoo-nee</i>
<b>der Juli</b>	July	<i>yoo-lee</i>
<b>der August</b>	August	<i>ow-goost</i>
<b>der September</b>	September	<i>zehp-tem-ber</i>
<b>der Oktober</b>	October	<i>ok-to-ber</i>
<b>der November</b>	November	<i>no-vem-ber</i>
<b>der Dezember</b>	December	<i>de-tsem-ber</i>

## 5 Phonetic Tips with Example Nouns

Letter/Combination	Sound Guide	Example Noun
<b>ch</b>	soft “kh” like Scottish “loch”	das Buch
<b>sch</b>	“sh”	die Schule
<b>ei</b>	“eye”	der Wein
<b>ie</b>	“ee”	die Biene
<b>au</b>	“ow”	die Frau
<b>äu / eu</b>	“oy”	der Freund
<b>w</b>	“v”	das Wasser
<b>v</b>	“f”	der Vogel

Letter/Combination	Sound Guide	Example Noun
z	“ts”	der Zug

## 6 Extra Tips for Beginners

- Always pronounce letters and combinations together — German is very phonetic.
- Practice days, months, and numbers daily — they appear in almost all conversations.
- Combine letters with nouns and phrases from your A1 PDFs to build sentences.
- Color coding helps memory: vowels (A, E, I, O, U) can be highlighted.
- Listen and repeat — pronunciation is key for fluency later.

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