



German A1

LESSON 1

German Alphabets and Their Pronunciation

A aa	B Bay	C Say
D day	E ay	F F
G gay	H haa	I eee
J yot	K kaa	L ell
M em	N en	O oh
P peh	Q ku	R air
S es	T tay	U ooo
V fau	W way	X iks
Y ipsilon	Z tset (Vat <u>s</u> ala)	

.. Two dots are called umlaut. Umlaut is a phonetic sound. It is also known as vowel harmony. It is used to simplify the pronunciation when two sounds are connected.

Only three vowels take umlaut a, o, u

Pronunciation of these vowels changes when we put umlaut over these vowels

A (aa)	Ä (ae)
O (o)	Ö (yo)
U (oo)	Ü (you)

ß(alt 225) this letter/special character is pronounced as sharp s

For example : heißen (haa-ee-sun) , dreißig (dry-ssich)

Special characters can be typed using following controls.

ö (control shift colon o)	Ö (control shift colon O)
ä (control shift colon a)	Ä (control shift colon A)
ü (control shift colon u)	Ü (control shift colon U)

Introductory questions & answers

Please note that pronunciation of below questions & answers is given in the bracket for the convenience of participants. Please refer the pronunciation while reading each question & answer.

Q1) Wie

heißen

Sie?



W-question

Verb

Formal you

heißen - to be called

(V)

(haa-ee-sun)

(zee)

What is your name?

Ans. Ich heiße Anagha Joshi.

(ish)

(haa-ee-sa)

Pronunciation of alphabet "e" is ए but when it comes at the end of any word it becomes अ

Q2) Wie

ist

Ihr

Name?

(V)

(east)

(ear)

(naame)

How

is

your

name?

Ans. Mein Name ist Anagha Joshi.

(Mine)

(Naame)

(east)

Q3) Wer

sind

Sie?

(Where)

(zind)

(zee)

Who

are

you?

Ans. Ich bin Anagha Joshi. (Ish) (bin) Anagha Joshi

I am Anagha Joshi.

Q4) Woher	kommen	Sie?
↓	↓	↓
From where	to come	Formal you
(Vohair)	(kau-mmen)	(Zee)

Where do you come from?

Ans. Ich komme aus Indien, aus Gujarat.
 (Ish) (kau-mme) (aaos) (een-d-yen), (aaos) Gujarat.
 I come from India, from Gujarat.

Q5) Wo wohnen Sie?
 (Vo) (Vo-nen) (Zee)

Where do you stay?

Ans. Ich wohne in Vadodara, in Karelibaug.
 (Ish) (wo-ne)

Ans. Ich wohne in Deutschland, in Frankfurt.
 I stay in Germany, in Frankfurt.

Q6) Was machen Sie?
 (Vaas) (ma-khen) (Zee)

What are you doing?

Ans. Ich lerne Deutsch.
 (Ish) (lair-n) (Doy-ch)