



Why do you wish to learn German?

If you are planning to live and work in Germany for a while, then you probably already know that German is a key language in the European Union and is also taught as the first foreign language in many countries in Eastern and Central Europe.

98 million people speak German as their mother tongue

80 million people speak German as their 2nd language or 1st foreign language

50 million people in the EU can speak German

German is the most spoken language in the EU with a share of **16%**

80,000 new books a year are published in Germany. That accounts for **18%** of all new books world-wide

German opens up career opportunities in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Eastern France, Northern Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, and parts of Belgium. In fact anywhere where German companies are located or German tourists like to visit.

If you are interested in technology and engineering, then maybe you would like to know how infinitely long words such as "Überschallgeschwindigkeitsflugzeug" or even "Hochleistungsflüssigkeitschromatographie" came to be put together. Or perhaps you just want to know how to say "Porsche" properly (not "Porsh" or "Porschie")

There are many good reasons to learn German – so let's make a start!

Here are a few useful tips for you. Links:

- [Deutsch Lerner Blog](#)
- [Deutsch als Fremdsprache](#)
- [Spiegel, Zwiebfisch](#)
- [10 gute Gründe, Deutsch zu lernen](#)
- [Bastian Sick](#)

Practical learning aids to take with you everywhere. Links:

- [Pons Grammatik auf einen Blick](#): a laminated A4-Page with a concise overview of the most important grammar topics.
- [Deutsch Wheels](#): for prepositions, modal verbs, articles and plurals, irregular verbs and even curses and insults and how to flirt in German! A round wheel to turn and learn. Hueber Verlag.
- [Laminated A4 pages for grammar, vocabulary and a boxed set of vocabulary cards.](#)