

Reference Grammar Topic List

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- 39 *schon, erst, noch nicht, noch kein-*
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- 2 Tense: past, present, future
- 3 Tense signals
- 4 Present tense: stem vowel remains
- 5 Subjects match endings
- 6 Person and number
- 7 Pronouns and endings
- 8 *du + -st*
- 9 *ihr + -t*
- 10 Present tense + adverb = future tense
- 11 Present tense + *seit*
- 12 Stem-changing verbs
- 13 Stem changes with *du*
- 14 The verb *sein*
- 15 *du bist, ihr seid*
- 16 *er, sie, es hat*
- 17 *du hast*
- 18 *möchte* as a modal pattern
- 19 Function of the modal verbs
- 20 Five other modals
- 21 Word order of modals; *sehen, hören, and lassen* as modals

22	<i>können</i>
23	<i>müssen</i>
24	<i>sollen</i>
25	<i>wollen</i>
26	<i>dürfen</i>
27	<i>wissen</i>
28	<i>du</i> -forms of modals
29	<i>ihr</i> -forms of modals
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31	Separable prefix verbs
32	Inseparable prefix verbs
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35	Prepositional phrases as verb complements
36	gehen + infinitive; <i>stehenbleiben</i> , <i>kennenlernen</i>
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40	<i>um . . . zu</i> , <i>ohne . . . zu</i>
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42	English equivalents of reflexive constructions
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49	<i>Sie</i> -imperative
50	<i>du</i> -imperative
51	<i>ihr</i> -imperative
52	<i>wir</i> -imperative
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4	Prepositions used with the dative case
5	<i>aus</i>
6	<i>bei</i>
7	<i>mit</i>
8	<i>nach</i>
9	<i>seit</i>
10	<i>von</i>
11	<i>zu</i>
12	Contractions
13	Prepositions used with the accusative case
14	<i>bis</i>
15	<i>durch</i>
16	<i>für</i>
17	<i>gegen</i>
18	<i>ohne</i>
19	<i>um</i>
20	Prepositions used with either the accusative or the dative case
21	<i>an</i>
22	<i>auf</i>
23	<i>hinter</i>
24	<i>in</i>
25	<i>neben</i>
26	<i>über</i>
27	<i>unter</i>
28	<i>vor</i>
29	<i>zwischen</i>
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