

## German 101 Writing Test K 01-06 (F2002)

This test has TWO pages. There are THREE parts, counting equally.

### Part 1 “Be prepared!” is a good motto, and not just for Boy Scouts.

You’re in a German-speaking country and are about to go out to get a full restaurant meal. You’re worried that you’ll forget vocabulary and other important language. Make up a “cheat sheet” of key vocabulary, phrases, questions, and sentences that can help you handle the situation from the time you sit down to when you walk out the door after your meal. Your list will be judged on how helpful it would be, not how long it is or how few mistakes it contains.

**word & phrases**

**questions & sentences**

### Part 2 Who knows who, or even what, will answer the phone?

You want to make advance reservations by phone to spend a few more days in the village of Strobl, at the little Austrian hotel where you stayed a while back on your way to Italy. (Strobl is near Wörgl, and not all that far from Ischgl.) Most of the family who run the little hotel don’t speak much English; the phone answering machine doesn’t speak any English at all; and, for all you know, your call will be answered by the young Bosnian refugee woman who works part-time at the hotel – you met her when she returned your laundry with the loose buttons mended, free of charge (a true story, folks). So write a paragraph, in German or Bosnian, to take care of the following information, so that you can just read it over the phone if you get panicky:

- 1) Identify yourself and jog their memory about your stay there earlier.
- 2) Tell them about your plans to return to their fair village.
- 3) State your accommodation needs.
- 4) Take care of the eventuality that the little hotel in Strobl will be full when you want to stay there, or will not have precisely the kind of room you want. (If you feel you need to express “if,” you can use “wenn” – but there are ways to discuss alternatives using just the words you have encountered in this course.)

**Part 3 Strut your special stuff**

You're writing an e-mail or letter to a new German-speaking acquaintance. You've already told the basics about yourself. Now it's time to show the more interesting features of your existence. Write a paragraph that tells about yourself AND one other family member or friend in such a way that you really stand out as individuals. This is your chance to make your projects and other special-interest activities pay off on a test. (Pets count as family/friends.)

**Part 2 (10 minutes)**

A valued e-mail acquaintance in a German-speaking country has asked you to arrange hotel/motel accommodations for a friend who is traveling to the United States and will be spending a few days in your area. Your search has been fairly successful – the place you found is 2 out of the following 3: nice, convenient, cheap. Report back to your friend. Remember: You are writing about accommodations in the U.S., and they are NOT for the person you are writing TO.