

- getting help when you don't understand (Wie, bitte?)
- greetings (Guten Tag!)
- personal introductions (Das ist...)
- country and nationality (Amerika, Amerikaner, Amerikanerin)
- age and subject of study (Deutsch!)
- titles (Herr, Frau, Fraulein)
- numbers (eins, zwei, drei)
- Sie ('You') + verb (sind) ('Are you...' etc.)



- a polite expression to get someone's attention or apologize for an innocent mistake (Entschuldigung)
- locating places in German-speaking countries (Frankfurt am Main ist in...)
- days of the week (Montag...Sonntag) and clock time on the hour (10 Uhr)
- dealing with small sums of money (DM5,00)
- when you don't know (Ich weiß nicht!)
- questions words and structures (Wo ist...?)
- words for locations (da, hier)
- basic verb 'to be' in present tense (ist) and past tense (war)

## Kontext 3 Fahrkarten und Pässe, bitte overview

- accepting a switch in language (here..., uh... hier)
- crossing a border (Sind wir in Deutschland oder Österreich?)
- identifying possessions (Das ist mein...)
- asking about time in the future (Wann sind wir in Köln?)
- survival train vocabulary (Fahrkarte, Paß, Gepäck)
- polite expressions (including several ways to say 'Thank you')

- survival food vocabulary (essen, trinken, Glas, Flasche)
- ordering simple meals (Ich möchte bitte...)
- counting money
- checking prices before you buy (Wieviel kostet...?)
- möchten expresses 'would like'
- position of verb in statements and questions
- verb endings (like 'I go you go it goES' in English)
- the verbs sein ('to be') and haben ('to have')

- asking more detailed questions (Wie lange...?)
- expressing judgments ('That's too expensive.')
- discussing choices ('or,' 'with' or 'without')
- more flexibility in greetings and polite expressions (natürlich)
- survival vocabulary for shelter (brauchen, Einzelzimmer, Bad, Nacht, Frühstück)
- more subject-verb combinations ('I need she needS')
- terms that express quality, equality and inequality (zu teuer 'too expensive')
- words that join other words (und, oder)

- asking more about food (Was ist das, bitte?)
- more skill in expressing judgments and preferences
- getting additional service in a restaurant
- getting the check in a restaurant (Zahlen, bitte!)
- working around missing vocabulary
- compound nouns like English 'French fries'
  - kein expresses 'none/not any'
  - -en Sie ('bringen Sie') gets people to do something
  - new verbs schmecken ('taste') and zahlen ('pay')
  - noch + a number expresses 'X more' of something

- telling time to the minute (11.25 Uhr)
- making train travel arrangements
- finding out where the bathroom (die Toilette) is
- survival train vocabulary (der nächste Zug, Gleis)
- more words for dealing with confusion (verstehen - 'to understand')
- words for 'left' (links) and 'right' (rechts)
- important new verbs gehen ('to go') fragen ('to ask') - finden ('to find')
- names of cities in northwest Germany (Köln, Aachen)

- buying food for a trip (Orangen, Käse, Schokolade)
- metric system for food purchases (100g Käse für 1 Person)
- survival grocery vocabulary (Tafel Schokolade, Stück Käse)
- important new verbs nehmen 'take' and sagen 'say'
- expressing 'enough more too much'
- comparisons German and English use similar words like mehr 'more' and the ending -er ('-er')

- getting a seat on a train or bus (frei, besetzt)
- talking about travel (nach Köln)
- describing family and friends (Er studiert Physik.)
- verbs in the third person ('he / she / it / they')
- verbs whose pronunciation and therefore spelling change somewhat in the third-person singular (like English 'do – she does' and 'say – he says [sez!]'
- important verbs sehen ('to see') and arbeiten ('to work')
- combining phrases or sentences with conjunctions ('and/or/but')

- asking and giving directions in a city
- comparing qualities ('good/better') and quantities ('much/more')
- changing word order for emphasis put the element to be emphasized at the start of the sentence (Dann finden Sie...)
- time phrases that refer to the future ('Until July I'll be...')
- comparisons are formed by adding -er (much like English)
- important verbs fahren ('go / ride /drive') and suchen ('look for')

- basic public transportation (Bus, S-Bahn, Bahnhof, Haltestelle, umsteigen)
- more detail in weather descriptions (kalt, es regnet)
- modal verbs like müssen ('must / have to') allow you to modify an action
- nach describes motion TO cities and countries; zu is used for motion TO buildings or other nearby locations
- important transportation verbs umsteigen ('transfer') and aussteigen ('get off')

## KONTEXT 12 Hotel - Bad oder Dusche? OVERVIEW

- more about hotel facilities special keys
  (Schlüssel) and shower / bath facilties and supplies
  (Seife, Handtücher)
- asking how things work (Wie funktioniert...?)
- words that organize things in space and time ('then,' 'right away')
- grammatical 'subjects' the 'do-ers' of actions
- two more modal verbs können ('can') expresses possibility and sollen ('supposed to,' 'should') expresses what ought to be

- asking where to exchange money
- checking the exchange rate (Kurs)
- deciding which denominations of currency you want
- specifying whether bills (Scheine) or coins (Stücke)
- cashing travelers' checks (Reiseschecks)
- counting large and complex sums of money
- direct objects what the subject acts on
  - the modal verb wollen expresses 'want to' (NOT 'will'!!)

- making small purchases that involve additional decisions on the spot (Ja, wir haben keine Bananen.)
- maintaining German even when someone wants to use English (Ja, wir können Deutsch sprechen.)
- more about kein and nicht
- changing word order to add emphasis put the emphasized element at the start of the sentence (Newsweek haben wir noch.)

- arranging for city tours (Plätze reservieren)
- dealing with contingencies and planning follow-ups
- organizing equipment (fotografieren, Blitz, Stativ)
- planning to meet later (Wir treffen uns...)
- prepositions ('after / from / at') that tell about where and when
- the modal verb dürfen ('may') expresses permission
- verbs that have two essential parts (like English 'go AWAY' and 'pick UP)
- viertel nach / vor for time on the quarter-hour
- modal verbs ('can / must') in longer sentences

- ordering ice cream and baked goods flavors (Schokolade, Himbeer) and kinds of servings (Becher, Tüte, Tasse, Kännchen)
- getting advice about what more to see and do (Zoo!)
  after you've done the standard touristy stuff
  (Dom, Rheinpark)
- knowing when not to overdo it (zu viel)
- in German the modal verb ('should') and the main verb ('do') are usually farther apart than they are in English
- the verb machen often expresses English 'do'

- buying entertainment tickets
- calendar dates basic signal is '-(s)t'
- expressing disappointment (das tut mir leid, leider, schade)
- ordinal numbers words that tell about sequence ('first' - 'second')
- more about negation no MORE and not any MORE
- time phrases with two parts ('tomorrow evening')
- noch expresses something STILL going on
- Some opera 'musts' Verdi's 'Aida' and Weber's 'Freischütz' ('The Magic Bullet')

- expressing opinions about cities (fantastisch)
- planning a walk through a city
- describing buildings by their architectural style (modern, gotisch, romanisch, römisch)
- talking a little about history (2. Weltkrieg)
- defining time more precisely ('this afternoon')
- more central-city landmark terms (Rathaus, Fußgängerzone)
- terms for motion down or up (hinauf, hinunter)
- prepositions which take the accusative case (für durch ohne)

- expressing food and drink preferences in greater detail (Tee statt Kaffee)
- asserting your ability to use German (Deutsch sprechen) even when they want to talk English
- talking about the past (as you have since Kontext 2) using very common verbs (were had had to)
- telling who gets something by using indirect object (dative) pronouns (as you have done since Kontext 6: Bringen Sie uns...)
- using Würden Sie... plus a verb to make a polite request ('Would you please...')
- ein- + an adjective + a noun for more efficiency in describing things ('a beautiful day')

- strategies for getting information
- asking follow-up questions to avoid trouble later
- getting accustomed to using landmarks typical of European cities (Verkehrsamt, Oper, -markt)
- two more very common verbs in the past tense konnte(n) (could / was able to) and wollte(n) (wanted to)
- adjectives by themselves in front of the noun
- telling time with halb (half an hour BEFORE)
- prepositions with dative objects something you have done since the very beginning (in der Schweiz, im Taxi, zum Bahnhof)

- discussing historical landmarks (Kirche, Brücke, Jahrhundert, einmalig)
- using two or more elements to describe location more exactly (dort oben, weiter rechts)
- buying momentos (Ansichtskarten, Farbdias) and other tourist supplies (Film, Briefmarken)
- prepositions aus and bei
- word order of modal verbs with infinitives (And now I'd like to buy a couple picture post\_cards.)
- emphasizing something by placing it early in the sentence (And to the left, ladies and gentlemen, you can see...)

- shopping for souvenirs (T-Shirt mit einem Bild von Köln, Kassetten mit Kölner Volksmusik)
- obtaining things for other people (für meine Eltern)
- adding detail to descriptions so you get just what you want
- word formation long German words are often put together from several simpler words that you can understand by themselves (Wein+glas, Bilder+buch, Spiel+waren+abteilung,)
- use a verb + gern(e) to say that you DO like (to do) something; use möchte to say what you WOULD like
- ask 'which?' with welch-; DON'T use was.

- talking about animals (Löwen und Tiger und Bären! Herrje!)
- more complicated ticket-buying (Kinder, Erwachsene)
- talking to animals and children and other cuddly creatures (and to God!) – use du rather than Sie, with the verb ending -(e)st (Du gehst, Siehst du?)
- making detailed comparisons (längere Zähne)
- another pair of spatial opposites words for 'inside' (drinnen) and 'outside' (draußen)

## KONTEXT 24 Abendfahrt auf dem Rhein overview

- more formal personal introductions (vorstellen)
- matching clothing (Jacke, Hut, Pulli) to weather (ziemlich kühl)
- impressing new acquaintances and loving the one you're with (so romantisch)
- more words that make comparisons (süßer, trockener)
- more about separable-prefix verbs (vor•stellen, an•kommen)
- more about du
- dachte the past tense of denken (think -THOUGHT)