



GERMAN - II

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : Anyone interested in learning elementary German

INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO : Companies / Organisations / Individuals having business /work with Germany, Austria and/or Switzerland

PREREQUISITES: German I

COURSE OUTLINE :

German II builds upon German I to help the learner acquire the A level of competence(A1+A2) as per the European Common Language Framework. It is meant to broaden and deepen the learner's understanding of German grammatical structures, further enrich her vocabulary to cover all aspects of daily living, and to develop a basic understanding of the German cultural space. Serious learners should be able to get a comprehensive understanding of basic German grammar, and build a good enough vocabulary to be able to articulate themselves in any given daily life situation, and about basic themes of personal interest.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Milind Brahme has an MA, M Phil and a PhD in German language and literature from the Centre of German Studies, JNU. He has been on the faculty of IIT Madras since 2003, and has more than 25 years of experience of teaching German language and literature in diverse situations and contexts.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1: Cooking and cuisine, eating habits, expressing feelings / Grammar : clauses with 'because', reflexive verbs, possessive articles with dative

Week 2: School and after, subjects, school types / Grammar : past tense of modal verbs, changing prepositions – position and movement

Week 3: Media in daily life, film / Grammar : comparative and superlative, clauses with 'that'

Week 4: Festivals and events, invitations and responses / Grammar : clauses with 'if', adjective declension

Week 5: Professions, work, train travel / Grammar : adjective declension, the verb 'werden'

Week 6: Public transport, cars, getting to work / Grammar: clauses and prepositions

Week 7: Learning, presentations, exams / Grammar: subjunctive, genitive

Week 8: Sports, fans / Grammar: clauses, verbs with dative and accusative

Week 9: Living, shifting, conflicts at home, pets / Grammar : subjunctive, 'als' and 'wenn'

Week 10 : Music, describing pictures / Grammar: interrogative 'what kind of', indefinite pronouns, relative clauses

Week 11 : Time / Grammar: subjunctive, verbs with prepositions, W questions with prepositions

Week 12 : Festivals, stereotypes / Grammar: clauses, relative clauses