



# CIT Coffee Zone# 10: Sprich mit uns

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# How to learn a foreign language

## Wie kann man eine Fremdsprache lernen

- ▶ How to find motivation to learn languages
- ▶ Effective ways to learn and master a foreign language
- ▶ Tips and Tricks for learning languages
- ▶ Good resources for German language learning

# The WHY

Motivation to LEARN must trump your FEARS

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Make it **FUN**

Learn almost  
**EVERYDAY**

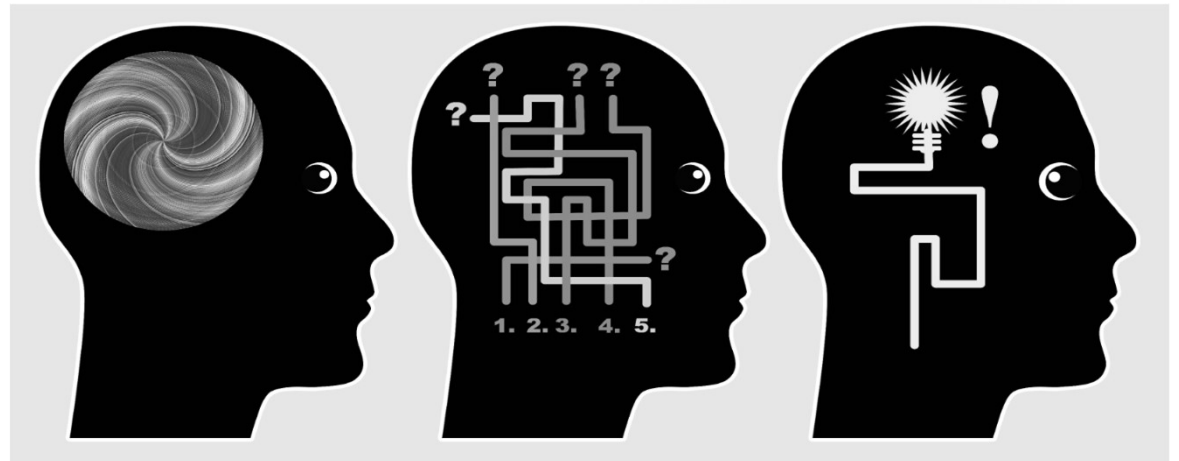
Choose the **RIGHT**  
**METHOD** for you

Use systematic  
**APPROACH**

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# How to learn – try out various methods and combinations

- ▶ Find your learning style
  - ▶ Visual, auditory, reading/writing, kinesthetic
  - ▶ Solitary, social
  - ▶ Verbal, logical



# The Know-how

Audit what you need to learn and master  
to reach your desired level of comfort or fluency

## Vocabulary

Nouns, verbs, adjectives,  
adverbs, prepositions,  
conjunctions, numbers

Per topic  
Visual or Goldlist methods

## Grammar

articles, gender  
case (nom, gen, dat, ak.) and  
prepositions  
conjugation  
present, past and future tense

## Phrases/Sentences

Sentence structure  
Questions, negative sentences  
Subordinate conjunction sentence order  
Frequently used phrases

Skills to practice

Reading

Writing

Listening

Conversation

# Useful resources

- ▶ Courses
  - ▶ Language schools, Goethe Institut
  - ▶ online courses Deutsche Welle, WDR, Slow German, ...
- ▶ Books, magazines, newspapers
- ▶ Youtube, TED talks, TV shows
- ▶ Podcasts
  - ▶ [Podcast.de](http://Podcast.de)
  - ▶ Deutsche Welle – [www.dw.de](http://www.dw.de) – [Langsam gesprochen](#), [Nachrichten](#), [Top-Thema](#), [Deutschkurse](#)
  - ▶ [Zeit online](#)
  - ▶ [Radio shows](#)
- ▶ Apps
  - ▶ Anki / Brainscape / Flashcards
  - ▶ Mondly / Babbel / Duolingo
  - ▶ Forvo
  - ▶ Blinkist
  - ▶ Table Talk / Italky
- ▶ Interesting websites
  - ▶ [Jazykovymentoring.sk](http://Jazykovymentoring.sk) (in Slovak)
  - ▶ [Project Gutenberg](http://Project Gutenberg)
  - ▶ [GLEM](#) (FB group German Language Bratislava)
  - ▶ [Fluent in 3 months](#)
  - ▶ [1000 most used German words](#)
  - ▶ [Translate.google.com](http://Translate.google.com) or [www.slovník.sk](http://www.slovník.sk)

Dankeschön!

# Set your goal and plan your time

The time it takes you to reach your goal depends on how high your goal is and how much time you spend learning

- ▶ Set your priority, focus, topical fluency of your language learning
- ▶ ..... and/or decide what you want out of the language class with a teacher
  
- ▶ Review and select useful resources in a bookstore or online
- ▶ Plan tasks (grammar, vocabulary, sentences, reading, writing, listening, conversation)
- ▶ Read, listen, write, speak and revise as often as possible



# Don't forget to make it fun

- ▶ Do what you like and what interests you
  - ▶ Read books, news, journals/magazines, listen to podcasts or watch TV shows of your interest
- ▶ Add gamification and socialization
  - ▶ Meet native speakers and/or join a group of fellow learners – a language course, an FB group, form a support group with your colleagues or friends
  - ▶ Organize word of the day, pub quizzes, Toastmasters gettogether, group competitions, coffee talks in German
- ▶ Stack language learning with
  - ▶ Another habit like commuting, tooth brushing, dog walking, cleaning, cooking, exercising
  - ▶ Work tasks – write to-do lists, read industry news, write files names, chat in German
- ▶ Help each other and be creative!

# Having fun with German words

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das Ei  
the egg

das Rührei  
Scrambled eggs

das Weichei  
NOT weak egg BUT the coward, weak person

das Würstchen  
Small sausage/párok AS WELL AS the coward

der Schuh  
the shoe

der Handschuh  
NOT hand shoe BUT the glove

der Kabelschuh  
NOT handbag shoe BUT the cable log

der Hemmschuh  
NOT restraining shoe BUT the stumbling block / the hindrance

die Birne  
the pear

die Glühbirne  
NOT glowing pear BUT the lightbulb

die Abbruchbirne  
NOT damaged pear BUT the wrecking ball

die Grundbirne  
NOT pear on the ground BUT the potato in Austria

das Eichhörnchen  
NOT unicorn BUT squirrel

der Spaßvogel  
NOT fun bird BUT joker, jester

der Wasserhahn  
NOT water rooster BUT water tap

der Tagedieb  
NOT thief of the day BUT wastrel

# Having fun with German words

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der Zungenbrecher  
NOT tongue breaker BUT tongue twister

das Quietscheentchen

Fünfhundertfünfundfünfzig

die Kraftfahrzeughaftpflichtversicherung

die Freundschaftsbeziehungen wiedergutmachen

die Umweltverschmutzung verschlimmbessern

Kluge kleine Katzen kratzen keine Krokodile.

Wenn Fliegen hinter Fliegen fliegen, fliegen Fliegen Fliegen nach.

Bierbrauer Bauer braut braunes Bier, braunes Bier braut Bierbrauer Bauer.

Noch einmal...Danke schön!

Viel Spaß, viel Glück  
....und Auf Wiedersehen.