



# Why you should learn German!

## FACTS

German is the 12th most spoken language in the world with 134.6 million total speakers.

It is an official language in 6 European countries, and the 2nd most spoken language in Europe.



In the English-speaking world, German is the third most taught foreign language. Knowing German will take you all across Europe, and travel is always more enriching and rewarding when you know the native language.



English and German are in the same language family - Germanic languages. German is more similar to English than French, or Spanish, which are Romance languages. Many words in English are taken or adapted from German.



## BENEFITS OF LEARNING GERMAN

It gives you the opportunity to study in Germany, which is beneficial because most university education is free or of very low cost, making it a popular destination for students from all around the world. Most degrees are taught in German, so German language skills will improve your application greatly.

The country is renowned for its Science and Engineering degrees, which can open up great job opportunities.



Learning German gives you the opportunity to live and work in Germany, the largest economy in Europe and one of the most successful and stable economies in the world. German is also the official language of Switzerland and Austria, which are also large European economies.

There are great job opportunities in Germany, as there are lots of big businesses and globally recognised brands there, such as BMW, Mercedes-Benz, and Volkswagen. Salaries are generally high in Germany.



Living in Germany is also very favourable, as it is diverse, creative, affordable, and has one of the highest standards of living in the world. The cost of renting an apartment in London is about twice that in Berlin.



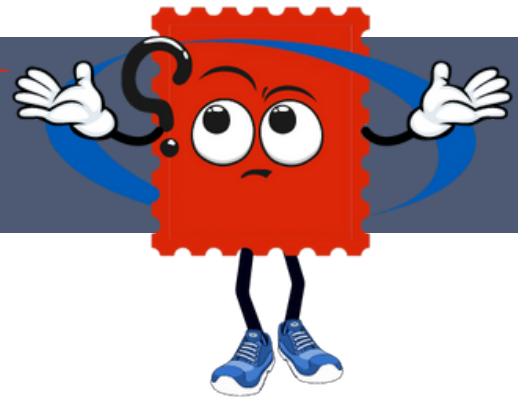
German is the go-to language in academia, and it's the second most commonly used language in the Science community. The German book market is the third largest in the world, and one in ten of all books are written in German. Many of these are not translated into English, so only a knowledge of German will give you access to them.

There are many beautiful and interesting places to travel in Germany, such as historical sites, ancient castles, medieval towns, churches, and monasteries. A third of the country is covered in forest, and there is an extensive train network which makes it easy to explore.

# GERMAN FACT SHEET COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

USING THE FACT SHEET AS A GUIDE,  
ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

TEST YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE!



1 How many people in total speak German?

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2 Where does German rank in the most spoken languages in Europe?

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3 Where does German rank in the most taught languages in the English-speaking world?

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4 What language family does German belong to?

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5 Are German and English part of the same language family?

YES/NO

6 Is German more similar to English than French?

YES/NO

7 Name another reason why English and German are similar

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8 Name a reason why it is beneficial to study in Germany.

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9 What type of degrees is Germany renowned for?

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10 Where does Germany rank in the largest economies in the Europe?

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11 Name two other large European economies, in which German is the official language.

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12 Name three German global businesses.

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13 Are salaries generally high in Germany?

YES/NO

14 Would it be cheaper to rent an apartment in Berlin or London?

Berlin ☐

London ☐

15 Where does Germany rank in the most used languages in the science community?

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16 How many of all books are written in German?

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17 How much of Germany is covered in forrests?

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18 Germany has an extensive train network, why is this a good thing?

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19 State 2 good reasons to learn German?

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# GERMAN FACT SHEET COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## ANSWERS

- 1 How many people in total speak German?

134.6 million. (1 mark)

- 2 Where does German rank in the most spoken languages in Europe?

2nd (1 mark)

- 3 Where does German rank in the most taught languages in the English-speaking world?

3rd (1 mark)

- 4 What language family does German belong to?

Germanic. (1 mark)

- 5 Are German and English part of the same language family?

YES/NO (1 mark)

- 6 Is German more similar to English than French?

YES/NO (1 mark)

- 7 Name another reason why English and German are similar

Many words in English are taken or adapted from German. (1 mark)

- 8 Name a reason why it is beneficial to study in Germany.

Because most university education is free or of very low cost. (1 mark)

- 9 What type of degrees is Germany renowned for?

Science and Engineering degrees. (1 mark)

- 10 Where does Germany rank in the largest economies in the Europe?

1st (1 mark)

- 11 Name two other large European economies, in which German is the official language.

Austria & Switzerland. (1 mark for each)

- 12 Name three German global businesses.

BMW, Mercedes-Benz, & Volkswagen. (1 mark for each)

- 13 Are salaries generally high in Germany?

YES/NO (1 mark)

- 14 Would it be cheaper to rent an apartment in Berlin or London? (1 mark)

Berlin



London

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- 15 Where does Germany rank in the most used languages in the science community?

2nd (1 mark)

- 16 How many of all books are written in German?

One in ten. (1 mark)

- 17 How much of Germany is covered in forest?

One third. (1 mark)

- 18 Germany has an extensive train network, why is this a good thing?

It makes it easy to explore. (1 mark)

- 19 State 2 good reasons to learn German?

OPEN QUESTION, NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS. THEY CAN USE INFORMATION FROM THE SHEET OR CREATE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE.

(1 mark for each)

23 TOTAL  
MARKS