

# German Basic course

AIM: The aim of the course is to provide the student with a useful control of the spoken German language and of a basic vocabulary. Each unit contains a set of basic sentences, notes on pronunciation and notes on grammar. After each unit the students will be provided with a maximum of additional exercises in using the forms and patterns of the language learned in the basic sentences.

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### Unit 1-8

#### Unit 1

##### 1. Basic sentences

###### (a) Making contacts

To welcome, to address, to introduce oneself/others, to thank, to bid farewell

###### (b) Giving information

Ask for information and to give it, country names, to narrate about your native place, numbers

##### 2. Notes on pronunciation

Phonetics - Quality and quantity of vowels, A sound, E sound, Ü sounds, Ö sounds, accentuation of the word, sentence accent and melody

Orthography- The alphabet, sp, st, ch, äh, öh, üh, tsch ,ts ,tz, chs, ng, ig,qu,ck,ss, ß

### 3. Notes on grammar

Question words, Sentence structure, word order in the main clause, the pronouns Ich, Du, Sie

## Unit 2

### 1. Basic sentences

#### (a) Making contacts

Talk a bit about yourself

#### (b) giving information

Phone number, number names, social media, different places and languages, age, professions, neighbourhood services

### 2. Notes on pronunciation

Diphthongs

### 3. Notes on grammar

Verbs and their forms, placing of the verb in the sentence (first second and last place), Noun Gender, verb- infinitive, verbs with prefixes- separable and inseparable

## Unit 3

### 1. Basic sentences

#### (a) Making contacts

To request, to thank

#### (b) Giving information

To ask for correctness (is this, yes, no)

2. Notes on pronunciation

Long and short vowels

3. Notes on grammar

Articles, Noun plural, Negation (nicht, kein)

Unit 4

1. Basic sentences

(a) Making contacts

To ask how one is, to give information about it, to present facts, to narrate, to report, to describe

(b) Giving information

To ask for information in a shop

2. Notes on pronunciation

Pronouncing e and ö

3. Notes on grammar

Komposita, article singular/plural, the verb möchte

Unit 5

1. Basic sentences

(a) Making contacts

Daily or yearly routines

(b) Giving information

Weekdays, expressing time, time of the day

2. Notes on pronunciation

a to ä, verbs and exceptions

3. Notes on grammar

More about verbs, preposition um/am, details of time, manner and place in a sentence

Unit 6

1. Basic sentences

(a) Making contacts

To congratulate, to wish luck

(b) Giving information

I and my surroundings

2. Notes on pronunciation

The letter ü

3. Notes on grammar

Nominativ/akkusativ, articles, indefinite article ein, the verb mögen

Unit 7

1. Basic sentences

(a) Making contacts

To invite, to accept

(b) Giving information

My family, colours

2. Notes on pronunciation

Ich laut/ ach laut

3. Notes on grammar

Possessive pronouns singular, auxiliary verbs, the verbs haben and sein

## Unit 8

(1) Basic sentences

(a) Making contacts

To express regrets

(b) Giving information

Rooms, houses, places to live, neighbourhood

(2) Notes on pronunciation

German s, z, ng, nk

(3) Notes on grammar

The verb wollen, adjectives, must/must not (darf, darf nicht), possessive pronouns plural