

The Awful German Language?
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1. Introduction/Overview: Inflected language
Alphabet, classroom vocab, colors, 1-10
Nouns
Imperative
Dialogue
2. Review vocab
Personal pronouns
Possessive adjectives
Haben, sein, werden and regular verbs in the present
Useful phrases when traveling
3. Irregular verbs in the present
Modal verbs
Verb tenses: imperfect and future (word order)
Useful vocab in the restaurant
4. Cases: Nominative and Accusative
Word order
Interrogatives
Vocab: Train station
5. Cases: Dative and Genitive
Prepositions that govern the Dative
Contractions: am, im, beim, vom, zum, zur/ans, aufs, fürs, ins, ums
Imperfect tense
Vocab: Shopping
6. Prepositions e/o
Separable verbs
Schubert's Erlkönig – Verses 1-4
7. Perfect and pluperfect tenses: regular and irregular
Schubert verses 5-8
8. Adjectives
Future tense
Der römische Brunnen by C. F. Meyer (1882)

9. Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions
Word order in dependent clauses

10. Relative pronouns and word order in relative clauses

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What we haven't covered:

Future perfect tense

Imperative

Reflexive pronouns

Passive voice

Subjunctive mood