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Every word, including each word in German, has its own frequency score - a score of how often this word is used in speech. The higher the frequency, the likelier its usefulness and relevance for you as a German learner (you don't want to learn rare words nobody uses). Especially if you are a beginner, you are much better off with learning frequent words as the chances of using them quickly are much higher.Example of most frequent wordshaben - 7th most frequent wordauch - 16th most frequent word das Jahr - 51st most frequent wordExamples of less frequent wordssich erstrecken - 3300th most frequent worddie Verblinlichkeit - 4024th most frequent wordCan you become fluent inGerman by learning the most common words?Short answer - hold the ponies, not so fast.First of all, it would be extremely tedious to learn top 500, 1000, 3000, 100500 words by heart. Rote memorization of such lists without examples, context or relevance to you would be awfully boring and thoroughly ineffective. 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Core Vocabulary for Learners, which lists the 4034 (!) most commonly used words in German.Words 1-100 |101-200 | 201-300 | 301-400 | 401-5001.der /die /das (def. art.)the; (dem. pron.)that, those; (rel. pron)who, that 2.und (conj.)and 3.sein (verb)to be; (aux./perfect tense) 4.in (prep.)in (variation: im in the) 5.ein (indef. art.)a, an; (pron.)one (of) 6.zu (prep.)to, at; (adv.)too 7.haben (verb)to have; (aux./perfect tense) 8.ich (pers. pron.)I 9.werden (verb)to become; (aux./future tense); ; (aux./passive voice) 10.sie (pers. pron.)she, her (acc. form of sie [sing.]);they, them (acc. form of sie [pl.];Sie (pers. pron.)you (formal) 11.von (prep.)from, of 12.nicht (adv.)not 13.mit (prep.)with 14.es (pers. pron.)it 15.sich (refl. pron.)-self 16.auch (adv.)also, too 17.auf (prep.)on, at, in 18.fr (prep.)for 19.an (prep.)at, on (variation: am at/on the) 20.er (pers. pron.)he 21.so (adv.)so; thus, this way, such 22.dass (conj.)that 23.knnen (verb)can, to be able 24.dies- (det. /pron.)this, that 25.als (conj.)as, when; (adv.)than 26.ihr (pers. pron.)you (pl., familiar), her (dat. form of sie [sing.]); (poss. adj.)her, their, hers, theirs (poss. form of sie [sing.], sie [pl.]);Ihr (poss. adj.)your (formal, poss. form of Sie) 27.ja (adv.)yes; certainly, really 28.wie (adv.)how; as 29.bei (prep.)by, with, at 30.oder (conj.)or 31.wir (pers. pron.)we 32.aber (conj.)but; (adv./flavoring particle) 33.dann (adv.)then 34.man (pron.)one, you 35.da (adv.)there; (conj.)because 36.sein (poss. adj.)his, its (poss. form of er, es) 37.noch (adv.)still, yet 38.nach (prep.)after, toward 39.was (pron.)what 40.also (adv.)so, therefore 41.aus (prep.)out, out of, from 42.all (pron.)all 43.wenn (conj.)if, when 44.nur (adv.)only 45.mssen (verb)to have to, must 46.sagen (verb)to say 47.um (prep.)around, at [variation:um zu in order to] 48.ber (prep.)above, over, about 49.machen (verb)to do, make 50.kein (pron.)no, not a/an 51.Jahr das, -e (noun)year 52.du (pron.)you (familiar, sing.) 53.mein (poss. adj.)my (poss. form of ich) 54.schon (adv.)already; (adv./flavoring particle) 55.vor (prep.)in front of, before, ago 56.durch (prep.)through 57.geben (verb)to give 58.mehr (adv.)more 59.andere, anderer, anderes (adj./pron.)other 60.viel (adj./pron.) much, a lot, many 61.kommen (verb)to come 62.jetzt (adv.)now 63.sollen (verb)should, ought to 64.mir (pers. pron.) 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(used in questions to tone down bluntness) 87.stehen (verb)to stand 88.jed- (det./pron.)every, each 89.Beispiel, das, -e (noun)example 90.Zeit, die (noun)time 91.erste, erster, erstes (adj.)first 92.ihm (pers. pron.)him, it (dat. form of er, es) 93.ihn (pers. pron.)him (acc. form of er) 94.wo (adv.)where 95.lang (adj.)long;lange (adv.)for a long time 96.eigentlich (adv.)actually; (adj.)actual, real 97.damit (adv.)with it; (conj.)so that 98.selbst, selber (pron.)-self; (adv.)even 99.unser (poss. adj.)our (poss. of wir) 100.oben (adv.)above, up there When starting to learn German, it isalways a good idea to memorize the most common words first. You will quickly begin to understand many more situations when compared to learning your German vocabulary from random sources. This page includes a list of most common German words along with their English translation. This list ranks the words according to the body of movie sub-titles. 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(who?) was? (what?) wann? (when?) wo? (where?) warum? (why?) wie? (how?) wie viel? (how much?) wie viele? (how many?)Hallo! (Hello!) Guten Morgen! (Good morning!) Guten Abend! (Good evening!) Wie gehts? (How are you?) Mir gehts gut. (Im good.) Danke! (Thank you!) Bitte! (Youre welcome!) Entschuldigung! (Excuse me!) Ja (Yes) Nein (No) Vielleicht (Maybe) Ich verstehe nicht. (I dont understand.) Knnen Sie das wiederholen? (Can you repeat that?) Wie sagt man das auf Deutsch? (How do you say that in German?) Ich spreche nur ein bisschen Deutsch. (I only speak a little German.) Print it out and keep it on your desk for quick reference. Create flashcards with words on one side and translations on the other. Group words into categories and memorize them step by step. Make sentences using new vocabulary (Ich kaufe ein Brot. Der Apfel ist rot.). Use apps like Anki or Quizlet to reinforce these words daily. There are hundreds of thousands (potentially millions) of German words hanging around, just waiting to be learned and used. But as a newcomer to German vocabulary, youll need to prioritize certain ones.Ive chosen 189 German words based on frequency and usefulness. Learn these, and youll be much better off in your next German conversation.ContentsCommon German NounsGerman nouns are gendered and paired with the appropriate pronoun: der is the masculine pronoun, die is feminine, das is neuter anddieis also used for plural nouns.Lets go over some of the critical ones you should know.1. der Mann man2. die Frau woman3. das Kind child4. der Junge boy5. das Mdchen girl6. der Freund friend7. die Leute people (plural)8. die Familie family9. die Arbeit work10. die Stadt city11. das Ding thing12. das Beispiel example13. die Frage question14. das Problem problem15. das Leben life16. das Geld money17. das Essen food18. das Haus houseGerman PrepositionsGerman prepositions take different cases. Some can take on more than one, with a rule of thumb being that the dative is used for stasis or location and the accusative used for describing movement or a change of state.Be aware that using the wrong case can imply a different meaning!19. von by, of, from (dative)20. um about, around, at (accusative)21. zu to, towards (dative)22. bis until, by, up to (accusative)23. an to, on (accusative or dative)24. auf on, to, upon (accusative or dative)25. aus from, out of (dative)26. bei by, at, near, in (dative)27. seit since, for (dative)28. fr for (accusative)29. vor before, in front of (dative)30. nach after, towards (dative)31. in in (accusative or dative)32. durch through (accusative)33. mit with (dative)34. neben beside, near (dative)German PronounsGerman pronounscan be a little tricky for learners because they change depending on the case and, at times, gender. Well go over the pronouns in their nominative, accusative and dative forms (in that order).35. ich / mich / mir I / me36. du / dich / dir you (informal, singular)37. er / ihn / ihm he / him / it (for masculine nouns)38. sie / sie / ihr she / her / it (for feminine nouns)39. es / es / ihm it (for neuter nouns)40. wir / uns / uns we / us41. ihr / euch / euch you (informal, plural)42. sie / sie / ihnen they / them43. Sie / Sie / Ihnen you (formal, singular and plural)Common German PhrasesFew conversations would feel complete without the bare essentials of phrases. These are the basic German phrases and expressions that youre bound to use in any chat you have, no matter how long or short.44. Hallo Hello45. Guten Morgen Good morning46. Guten Abend Good afternoon47. Gute Nacht Good night48. Ich heie My name is49. Wie gehts? How are you? (informal)50. Auf Wiedersehen Goodbye / See you again51. Tschss Bye52. Gesundheit Bless you53. Ja Yes54. Nein No55. Vielleicht Maybe / Perhaps56. Bitte Please / Youre welcome57. Entschuldigung Excuse me58. Danke Thanks59. Es tut mir leid Im sorry60. Genau Exactly / Thats right61. Ach so I seeTo get to know more everyday phrases in German, you can watch the videos on FluentU.German VerbsOff to do something? Hopefully you know how to say so in German. Here are some common German verbs that will get you going.62. sein to be63. haben to have64. machen to make, do65. gehen to go66. nehmen to take67. bringen to bring68. werden to become69. wollen to want70. wissen to know (information)71. kennen to know (a person or place)72. knnen can, to be able to73. mgen to like74. denken to thinkGerman AdjectivesLuckily, many adjectives in German sound quite similar to their English counterparts. Just dont forget that in German, adjectives are also conjugated when paired with nouns.75. gut good76. schlecht bad77. klein small78. gro big, tall79. schn handsome, beautiful, lovely, nice80. fantastisch fantastic81. traurig sad82. mde tired83. neu new84. alt old85. jung young86. kalt cold87. hei hot88. kurz short89. lang long90. viel a lot / very 91. wenig a littleGerman Body PartsKnowing how to describe the body parts in German is essential for beginner learners. Here are some of the crucial body parts you should know right away.92. der Krper body93. der Kopf head94. das Gesicht face95. die Augen eyes96. die Nase nose97. der Mund mouth98. der Hals neck99. die Schulter shoulder100. die Brust chest / breast101. der Rcken back102. der Bauch stomach103. der Arm arm104. die Hand hand105. das Bein leg106. der Fu footGerman NumbersCounting in German is pretty simple, but youll of course have to get familiar with the numbers first. No worriesthey should be pretty quick to memorize!107. null zero108. eins one109. zwei two110. drei three111. vier four112. fnf five113. sechs six114. sieben seven115. acht eight116. neun nine117. zehn ten118. elf eleven119. zwlf twelve120. dreizehn thirteen121. vierzehn fourteen122. fnfzehn fifteen123. sechzehn sixteen124. siebzehn seventeen125. achtzehn eighteen126. neunzehn nineteen127. zwanzig twenty128. dreiig thirty129. vierzig forty130. fnfzig fifty131. sechzig sixty132. siebzig seventy133. achtzig eighty134. neunzig ninety135. hundert one hundred136. tausend one thousandGerman Time and SeasonsWords associated with time in German and the time of year are also one of the first things on the beginner learners agenda. So make sure to start learning these!137. die Zeit time138. frh early139. spt late140. die Uhr clock / oclock (pronoun removed)141. die Stunde hour142. die Minute minute143. der Tag day144. die Woche week145. der Monat month146. das Jahr year147. der Winter winter148. der Frhling spring149. der Herbst fall150. der Sommer summerCommon Multi-Purpose Words and PhrasesThe words in this section are multi-purpose words that youll hear often, with definitions broad enough to apply in a variety of contextsits handy to have these guys around.151. Stimmt agreed / right / trueIt is often used to affirm a comment someone else has made.152. Stimmt das? Is that right?153. Das stimmt nicht Thats not right154. Stimmt so! Keep the change (handy in restaurants/cafes if youre feeling generous)155. Genau exactlyIt serves as something of a filler or sentence connector when youve paused between statements, similar to the way you use so in English.156. Genau hier Right here157. Genau wie Exactly like158. Also well/so159. Also! Fangen wir an? Well, shall we get started? (Expression of enthusiasm)160. Alsoich wei es nicht WellI dont know. (Expression of uncertainty)161. h the German version of um162. Oder or / right / isnt it?Questions and Responses163. Einen schnen Abend / Tag noch a lovely evening/day stillThis phrase is used for polite leave-taking, usually between strangers or acquaintances. It is basically the equivalent of have a nice day.164. Schnes Wochenende have a nice weekend165. Gleichfalls! likewise / same to youYou can say this in reply to a polite leave-taking phrase such as the above. Its the appropriate catch-all response to all manner of well wishing.166. Wie, bitte? pardon?The polite way of asking someone to repeat themselves, if you havent heard or understood.167. Was geht? whats up? / whats going on?This is how youd informally say whats up? or whats going on? to a friend.168. Was ist los? Whats wrong?169. Hast du was (etwas)? Is something wrong?170. Warum? Why?171. Echt? Really?172. Geil! Cool!173. Ach, so! Aha!Its also a good idea to brush up on yourUmgangsprache(slang)here.English ImportsIts reassuring to know that youre going to regularly come across manyGerman words that you recognize. Agrowing number of German words are direct imports from English.Take these verbs:174. skypen Skype175. downloaden to download176. checken to check177. chatten to chat178. bloggen to blogThese have all been effectively adapted from English to the German grammatical structure. As you can see, many come from relatively recent developments in digital technology. But youll also find:179. surfen to surf (on the net as well as at the beach)180. joggen to jog181. pushen to push182. flirten to flirt183. babysitten to babysit184. smalltalken to small talkAnd, increasingly:185. sorry sorry (is it really surprising whenEntschuldigungis such a mouthful?)Finally, heres a fairly exhaustivelist of English loanwords in German.Fun ExpressionsYoull need to have a giggle from time to time. Lucky for you, German has plenty ofamusing yet functionalwords to offer. Heres a few that might make you smile.186. Quatsch rubbishFor example:Das ist Quatsch (thats rubbish) or quatschen (to talk rubbish)187. Bld stupid188. Lust passion or inclinationIf someone asks you if you haveLust auf Schockolade,theyre not prompting you to expose your burning desire for the stuff, but rather whether you feel like eating it.Similarly,ich habe keine Lust daraufsimply means I dont feel like it.189. Jein yes and noIts used to express a divided opinion.189 words sounds like a lot, but remember, these are just the tip of the German language iceberg! Our complete guide on howto learn German vocabulary is here.Once youre confident with the essentials, you can plow forward and indulge in all the other fun and quirky words unique to German!Want to know the key to learning German effectively?It's using the right content and tools, like FluentU has to offer! Browse hundreds of videos, take endless quizzes and master the German language faster than you've ever imagine!Watching a fun video, but having trouble understanding it? FluentU brings native videos within reach with interactive subtitles.You can tap on any word to look it up instantly. Every definition has examples that have been written to help you understand how the word is used. If you see an interesting word you don't know, you can add it to a vocabulary list.And FluentU isn't just for watching videos. 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Youll need a list of the most basic German words and phrases.From the simplest German words to the phrases you need to get by, heres the list you need together with:its English translation, anda phonetic pronunciation guideAt the end of each section, you can also take the mini quizzes to make sure the words stick to your memory.Ready? Lets begin!I. The Very BasicsLets start with the basic German words and phrases. With just these in your arsenal, you can already survive the simplest conversations!LEARN GERMAN WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS NOW!SIGN UP NOW TO GET THESE FOR FREE!100 Days of German Words and Expressions E-book300 Useful German Adjectives German word / phraseEnglish translationPronunciation hallohellohello JaYesya NeinNoniyn BittePleasebi-te. DankeThank youdn-ke Bitte schn.you're welcomebi-te shurn Entschuldigen Sie.Excuse me (getting attention)ent-SHOOL-dee-gun zee Entschuldigung!Excuse me (sorry, asking pardon)nt-shool-dee-goong Wie heien Sie?Whats your name?vee hays-en zee? Ich heie.My name isiH hays-e. Freut michPleased to meet youfroyt miH Mini Quiz 11. What does bitte schn mean? Click to reveal the answer It means youre welcome2. Entschuldigen Sie and Entschuldigung both mean excuse me. But what makes them different from each other?Click to reveal the answer The first one is used to get attention. The second is used to ask for pardon.3.To say pleased to meet you, you say:Click to reveal the answer You can learn more German greetings in this article: A Quick Guide to German GreetingsII. Simple QuestionsNow lets talk about the simplest German questions. Theres another article here in this website that talks about this with more detail. You can check it out here: Basic German Questions Every Traveler Should KnowFor now lets just run through the most simple ones that you can memorize quickly. Wo?Where?vo