

Course Outline – Kids Beginners with German Background

This course is for children from 6 years of age or school grade 2.

Children will be introduced to the German language through the textbook **Der grüne Max 1 neu**, which emphasizes age-appropriate and authentic language. The study material is presented in a playful and enjoyable manner and will make children aware of language learning techniques and transfer skills. Grammar, Reading and Writing will be taught more in depth.

Children moving up from the Young Learners course will build on the knowledge attained at that level while new students will soon compete with them with their acquired speaking- and listening skills.

In this course students will have their own Language portfolios that show what they have studied in each chapter, what they do well and where they need to study harder.

The textbook **Der grüne Max 1 neu** is aligned with the language proficiencies outlined in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

On successful completion of this course students will move up to the Intermediate course.

Topics

- Deutsch meine neue Sprache (German my new language)
- Meine Deutschklasse und ich (My German class and I)
- Meine Freunde und ich (My friends and I)
- Meine Familie und ich (My family and I)
- Kunterbuntes (Varied topics)

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this class, students will have learnt the following:

- Formal and informal ways of greeting people
- How to introduce themselves
- The German ABC
- Reading and understanding very simple texts
- Saying what a teacher needs in class
- Talking about things they need in school

- Saying what they do in their German class
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Understanding teacher's instructions
- Asking politely for something
- Numbers up to 100
- Giving their age and that of other people
- Colours
- Describing themselves and other people
- Saying their address and telephone number
- Saying what town/country they are from
- Describing their own and their friend's personality
- Recognizing various foreign languages
- Introducing and talking about family members
- Talking about male and female occupations
- Talking about occupations of their family members and their place of work
- Describing pets
- Talking about how to look after pets
- The four seasons
- How Germans celebrate Christmas, Easter and St Martin's Day.

Course materials

- Der grüne Max 1 neu text- and workbook, published by Langenscheidt
- online resources (games, puzzles, songs, poems)
- audio CDs and DVDs