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Beginner German Sample Syllabus 10 sessions

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This syllabus offers a high level overview of 10 90-minute German tutoring sessions.

Tutoring Goals

- Learn to describe daily or routine activities.
- Master the present tense, including German word order and the four main German cases (nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive).
- Command of broad vocabulary, including key nouns (places, jobs, people), adjectives and core verbs (both regular and irregular).
- Express thoughts through the six modal verbs.
- Ask and answer questions.

Required Materials

- Barron's 501 German Verbs
- Practice Makes Perfect Complete German Grammar (PMP)
- McGraw Hill's German Grammar Drills, second edition (Drills)

Session 1

In-session

- Alphabet, pronunciation, and articles (gender and plurals)
- Greetings & basic adjectives
- Vocabulary: days of the week, months, numbers, and school objects

Homework

- Text Content: PMP Chapters 1 "Pronunciation and Gender" & 2 "Definite and Indefinite Articles"
- Homework: Drills Unit 1 "Determining Gender" & Unit 2 "Forming Plurals"



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Session 2

In-Session

- Introduction to verbs
 - The infinitive and verb groups
 - The nominative case
 - Present conjugations
- Negation
- Vocabulary: verb lists from text units

Homework

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 3 "Pronouns, Plurals, and the Verb Sein" & Chapter 6 "The Present Tense and Numbers"
- Homework: Drills Unit 4 "Nominative Case"

Session 3

In-Session

- Spoken review of the nominative case and present conjugations
- Continue present tense work with irregular verbs
- Introduce the basics of structuring interrogatives
- Vocabulary: review & question words

Homework

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 8 "Irregular Verbs in the Present Tense"
- Homework: Drills Unit 12 "Questions and Interrogatives"

Session 4

In-Session

- Spoken review of present conjugations and nominative case
- Introduction to the accusative case
- Vocabulary: der Flughafen and verb review

Homework

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 7 "Direct Objects and the Accusative Case"
- Homework: Drills Unit 5 "Accusative Case"

Session 5

Content

- Written review of nominative and accusative cases
- Introduction to the dative case

Spoken Activity

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 12 "Indirect Objects and the Dative Case"
- Homework: Drills Unit 6 "Dative Case"



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Session 6

Content

- Comprehensive review lessons 1-5: present tense and nominative, dative, and accusative declensions
- Introduction to case-specific prepositions
- Vocabulary: das Haus
- Conversation practice focusing on positions/relations

Spoken Activity

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 15 "The Accusative-Dative Prepositions"
- Homework: Drills Unit 8 "Accusative-Dative Prepositions" & Unit 13 "Present Tense Review"

Session 7

Content

- Review of case-specific prepositions
- Introduction to modal auxiliary verbs
- Vocabulary: das Essen

Homework

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 14 "Modal Auxiliaries"
- Homework: Drills Unit 21 "Modal Auxiliaries and Double Infinitives" (only do present tense exercises!)

Session 8

Content

- Review of modal verbs and prepositions
- Introduction to the genitive case
- Applied Scenarios (der Flughafen, der Markt, die Universität)

Spoken Activity

- Text Content: PMP Chapter 17 "Genitive Case, the Comparative, and the Superlative" (focus just on genitive)
- Homework: Drills Unit 7 "Genitive Case"

Session 9

Content

- Applied Scenario – ordering at a restaurant
- Review – TBD student

Spoken Activity

- Homework: Drills Comprehensive

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Session 10

In-Session

- Review of homework exercises and cumulative review
- Conversation Practice in scenario of student's choosing (das Restaurant, die Schule, das Büro)