



Level A1



# Das Buch | The Book



- Become fluent in German with a learning story that accompanies you from 0 to 100
- Learn new words, phrases and grammar in small, structured steps
- Get all hints and grammar explainers you'll ever need
- Always be eager to find out what happens next
- Track your progress with milestones
- Pass your Goethe exams

## How to succeed?

1. Set yourself a clear goal, such as *finish Lesson 100*.
2. Over a few days, assess which difficulty level you're comfortable with. For example *lesson 42*.
3. Divide and conquer: Test how many exercises/lessons you can realistically do per day. For example, *one new lesson every three days*.
4. Based on that, write into your calendar which exercise/lesson you want to have finished on a specific day. Write this for every day up to the day when you expect to have reached your goal.
5. If it's absolutely impossible to stick to the plan, start over with step 1.

From 12 years on. Covers official Goethe vocabulary.

100 Lessons

# Ich bin Paul

*I am Paul*

**Learn:**

greet someone, speak formally  
personal pronouns: Sie, ich, er

<b>aus China</b>	from China	<b>kommen</b>	to come
<b>ich bin</b>	I am	<b>er kommt</b>	he comes
<b>das</b>	that; the	<b>Paul</b>	Paul (name)
<b>Deutschland</b>	Germany	<b>Meili</b>	Meili (name)
<b>er ist</b>	he is	<b>Russland</b>	Russia
<b>Frankfurt</b>	Frankfurt (city)	<b>Sie</b>	you (formal)
<b>Guten Tag!</b>	Hello! (lit. 'good day')	<b>und</b>	and
<b>hallo</b>	hello	<b>wer</b>	who
<b>heißen</b>	to be called	<b>wie</b>	how
<b>ich heiße...</b>	I'm called...	<b>wo</b>	where
<b>Igor</b>	Igor (name)	<b>woher</b>	from where
<b>in</b>	in; into	<b>ich wohne</b>	I live
<b>ich komme</b>	I come	<b>wohnen</b>	to live; reside

**Paul:** Guten Tag! Ich bin Paul.

**Meili:** Guten Tag! Woher kommen Sie?

**Paul:** Ich komme aus Deutschland. Und Sie?

**Meili:** Aus China.

**Paul:** Und wie heißen Sie?

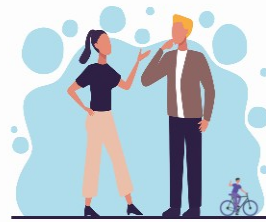
**Meili:** Ich heiße Meili.

**Paul:** Hallo! *[to another guy in the distance]*

**Meili:** Oh, wer ist das?

**Paul:** Igor, er kommt aus Russland. ... Wo wohnen Sie?

**Meili:** Ich wohne in Frankfurt.



**Hint**

If you talk or write to

- a stranger
- an older person
- your boss

you usually address that person in a formal way. So, if you are new in Germany, you would say **Sie** to almost everybody. Otherwise you might offend people.

**Story:** Paul gets to know Meili in front of the university.

**1 Match the correct translation**

- Wo wohnen Sie? A → 3
- Ich bin Paul. B →
- Ich komme aus China. C →
- Ich heiße Meili. D →
- Er kommt aus Russland. E →
- Wie heißen Sie? F →
- Ich bin in Deutschland. G →
- Er ist in China. H →
- Guten Tag, Igor! I →
- Wer ist Meili? J →
- Woher kommen Sie? K →
- Ich wohne in Frankfurt. L →

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- 1 I come from China.
- 2 He is in China.
- 3 Where do you live?
- 4 Where do you come from?
- 5 Hello, Igor! (good day)
- 6 I live in Frankfurt.
- 7 I am in Germany.
- 8 I am Paul.
- 9 Who is Meili?
- 10 My name is Meili.
- 11 What is your name?
- 12 He comes from Russia.

### Grammar

Check out our first personal pronouns: In German, verbs change according to the personal pronoun you use. Do you see a pattern?

**Sie** you (formal)  
**ich** I  
**er** he

**kommen**  
**ich komme** I come  
**er kommt** he comes

**heißen**  
**ich heiße** I'm called  
**er heißt** he is called

### 2 Fill the gaps. Use *Sie, ich, er*.

Woher kommen Sie ?

\_\_\_ komme aus Russland.

Wie heißen \_\_\_?

\_\_\_ heiße Igor.

Wo wohnen \_\_\_?

\_\_\_ wohne in China.

Und woher kommt \_\_\_?

Aus Deutschland. \_\_\_ heißt Paul. \_\_\_ wohnt in Frankfurt.

### Hints

Some words often go together:

#### wohnen + in

Ich **wohne in** Deutschland.  
 I live in Germany.

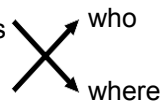
#### kommen + aus

Ich **komme aus** Deutschland.  
 I come from Germany.


**Beware** of false friends!

**wo** sounds like *who*, but it means

**wer** sounds like *where* but means



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**Learning suggestion**

Research shows that there is a connection between elapsed time and forgetting:

**Elapsed time            is forgotten**

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1 day	50-65%
1 week	70-75%
1 month	80%

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Russland   China   Deutschland

er            hallo        heiße

ich   kommt   Paul   wer

wie        woher        wohne