MP3 Level A1

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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.

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Ich bin Paul

I am Paul

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

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

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

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.

1 Match the correct translation

Wo wohnen Sie?	A → 3	1	I come from China.
Ich bin Paul.	B → __	2	He is in China.
Ich komme aus China.	C → __	~~3~~	~~Where do you live?~~
Ich heiße Meili.	D → __	4	Where do you come from?
Er kommt aus Russland.	E → __	5	Hello, Igor! (good day)
Wie heißen Sie?	F → __	6	I live in Frankfurt.
Ich bin in Deutschland.	G → __	7	I am in Germany.
Er ist in China.	H → __	8	I am Paul.
Guten Tag, Igor!	I → __	9	Who is Meili?
Wer ist Meili?	J → __	10	My name is Meili.
Woher kommen Sie?	K → __	11	What is your name?
Ich wohne in Frankfurt.	L → __	12	He comes from Russia.

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Grammar

Check out our first personal pronouns:

Sie	you (formal)
ich	I
er	he

In German, verbs change according to the personal pronoun you use. Do you see a pattern?

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 who

wer sounds like *where* but means where

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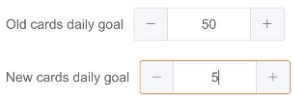

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1 day	50-65%
1 week	70-75%
1 month	80%

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Russland China Deutschland

er hallo heiße

ich kommt Paul wer

wie woher wohne