

German is a sister language of English. So, many words that are easy to understand in German are, on the other hand, more difficult in other languages:

### English

The house is brown.  
My brother sings well.  
The baby drinks milk.  
Here is my finger.

### German

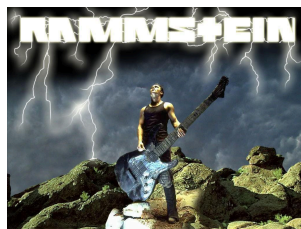
Das Haus ist braun.  
Mein Bruder singt gut.  
Das Baby trinkt Milch.  
Hier ist mein Finger.

### Spanish

La casa es parda.  
Mi hermano canta bien.  
El niño bebe leche.  
Aquí está mi dedo.

### French

La maison est brune.  
Mon frère chante bien.  
Le bébé boit du lait.  
Voici mon doigt.



### German is 4 U!

Taking German at Independence High School means you have lots of fun while learning. We perform skits, sing songs, learn about German music, watch movies, play games and laugh a lot while we learn about the language, culture and people. You can take German levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 Advanced Placement.

Scan and watch what our students have to say!



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## German @ Independence High School



**Do you still think German is so difficult?**

# Why study German?

## Top Ten Reasons:

**1. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe.** German is spoken in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Liechtenstein, as well as large populations in northern Italy, eastern Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and many parts of Eastern Europe.

**2. German is an important language for business.** Germany has the 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest economy and is the #1 export nation in the world. How many German companies in the US can you name? BMW, Mercedes, Audi, Siemens, SAP, BASF, and Bosch – the list goes on. By the way, Japan is the 2<sup>nd</sup> strongest world economy and 68% of Japanese students study German.

**3. German is a valuable language for STEM students** because Germany is a global leader in engineering and innovation, offering excellent job opportunities in prestigious companies. Learning German provides access to cutting-edge research, prestigious universities, and tuition-free higher education programs in Germany and other German-speaking countries.

**4. German gives you access to the rich, world-renowned cultural achievements of the German-speaking countries.** Music, art, literature, philosophy, psychology, film – contributions to these fields by German speakers are so phenomenal that you can recognize them by last names only: Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Strauss, Wagner, Dürer, Klimt, Kirchner, Goethe, Kafka, Brecht, Hesse, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, Jung, Dietrich, Lang, Lubitsch, Fassbinder are some names you may know.

**5. Germans form the largest single heritage group in the U.S.** German Americans are the largest heritage group in the US. You probably don't even recognize their profound influence: kindergarten, Christmas trees, Levi's jeans, even hamburgers and hot dogs were introduced by Central Europeans.

**6. German is the second-most commonly used research language.** Natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, technology, the arts and humanities – German can greatly enhance your study of almost any field (many graduate programs even require it for reading knowledge).

**7. Germany has a long history as a high tech center.** You know about the printing press, theory of relativity, and diesel motor, but what about the MP3 – all German innovations. Today, Germany is a leader in biotechnology, software and microchip development.

**8. German is an important language for media and telecommunications.** Germany's country domain .de is second only to the extension .com, 1 in 10 books in the world is published in German, and there are roughly 80,000 new titles in German each year (only Chinese and English have more). Munich is the 2nd largest publishing capital of the world.

**9. The German-speaking countries are leaders in international education.** Students from around the world choose to study numerous fields in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The German government alone sponsors over 60,000 international exchanges each year.

**10. It's fun to learn German and it's not as hard as you think.** If your native language is English, you have a head start in learning German, which, like English, is a Germanic language, which means that there are many similarities in vocabulary and grammar. See for yourself.....

Have you heard German is 'too hard'?  
See for yourself - read this story!

Carlos Lindner ist Amerikaner. Carlos ist 19 Jahre alt und lebt in Kalifornien. Er ist Student an der Universität Berkeley. Carlos Mutter und Vater sind freundlich. Carlos Mutter ist Professorin an der Universität, und Carlos Vater ist Kapitän auf einem Schiff. Carlos hat einen Bruder, Marco und eine Schwester, Maria. Maria ist das Baby in Carlos Familie. Sie ist 5 Jahre alt und geht in den Kindergarten. Carlos ist intelligent. Er studiert Physik, Sport und Mathematik. Carlos Hobbys sind Theater, Film, Camping, Tanzen, Singen und Musik. Carlos trinkt oft Milch und Coca-Cola, und er isst oft Steak, Salat, Nudeln (mit Tomatensoße oder Butter), Sauerkraut und Schokolade (ist das nicht eine interessante Kombination?) Carlos hat eine gute Figur. Er ist freundlich und tolerant, und viele Mädchen finden ihn attraktiv und interessant.

....What do you think about German **now**?  
**TAKE GERMAN – it's fun!**

## German Musik? Ja!



## Extracurricular Activities

- In the Indy German program, you have opportunities for German extra-curricular activities.
- We have a motivated *German Club*, which plans events like cooking, watching German movies, and learning about German music.
- German Club organizes numerous fun events throughout the year, such as an Oktoberfest party, Wienerschnitzelfest, Kinoabend (Movie night), fundraisers and community service activities.

## The German American Partnership Program (GAPP)

At Independence, we have our very own **exchange program** with Ravensberger School in Herford, Germany. Host a German? YES! Go to Germany? YES! Participating students stay with their host family, attend a German High school, make German friends, explore Germany's cities and castles and enjoy good German food!

## German for College?

Colleges *love* seeing German on your transcript. German is a language of arts, music, theater, engineering, technology, trade, science, sports, world leadership and culture. Taking German increases your chances of getting into the college of your choice.

## German for life?

As our world becomes more interconnected, it's crucial to know other languages and be able to communicate with people in other countries. Germany is a world powerhouse in trade, business, technology, automobiles, and so much more. Wouldn't it be cool to be able to speak to Germans in German?

**A quick quiz:** How many of the German phrases can you match to the English? And Spanish?

English	German	Spanish
I know your uncle.	1) Das ist ein Apfel.	1) Conozco a tu tío.
My house is old.	2) Ich kenne deinen Onkel.	2) Ella tiene pelo rubio.
My sister learns English.	3) Mein Haus ist alt.	3) Ésta es una manzana.
She has blond hair.	4) Meine Schwester lernt Englisch.	4) Mi casa es vieja.
That is an apple.	5) Sie hat blondes Haar.	5) Mi hermana está aprendiendo inglés.

Key: German (2, 3, 4, 5, 1) Spanish (1, 4, 5, 2, 3)