

DAY 1: FIRST CONTACT & IDENTITY

Week 1: Foundations & Architecture • Target Time: 3.5 Hours

PHASE 1: INPUT & ACQUISITION (1.5 HOURS)

Deutsche Welle (Nicos Weg) Instructions

Navigate to the **Nicos Weg A1** course and complete the following three modules entirely:

- 1. **Episode 1: Hallo!** (Learn basic entry greetings and initial sound profiles).
- 2. **Episode 2: Tschüss!** (Master basic parting expressions and phonetic nuances).
- 3. **Episode 3: Buchstabieren** (Focus heavily on the audio components matching names to text).

Protocol: Do not skip the cultural video clips. Complete every interactive multiple-choice and audio matching exercise on the platform before transitioning to Phase 2.

PHASE 2: VOCABULARY MASTERY (1.0 HOUR)

Core Word List (Standard A1 Survival)

Extract these exact terms, prioritize their exact spelling, and port them directly into your flashcard system (Anki) for permanent retention.

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
Hallo!	Hello!	Informal Greeting
Guten Morgen!	Good morning!	Formal/Standard (Until 11:00 AM)
Guten Tag!	Good day / afternoon!	Formal/Standard (Standard daytime)
Guten Abend!	Good evening!	Formal/Standard (From ~6:00 PM)
Tschüss!	Bye! / Goodbye!	Informal Farewell
Auf Wiedersehen!	Goodbye!	Formal Farewell (Literal: Until we see again)
Gute Nacht!	Good night!	Farewell (Only when going to sleep)
der Name, -n	the name	Noun (Masculine)
die Frau, -en	the woman / Mrs. / Ms.	Noun (Feminine)

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
der Herr, -en	the man / Mr.	Noun (Masculine)
Wer...?	Who...?	Interrogative Pronoun
Wie...?	How...?	Interrogative Pronoun
heißen (heißt)	to be called / named	Verb (Core infrastructure)
sein (ist)	to be	Verb (Auxiliary infrastructure)
ja / nein	yes / no	Particle

PHASE 3: ACTIVE OUTPUT & GRAMMAR DRILLS (1.0 HOUR)

Grammar Blueprint: Personal Pronouns & Address Registers

1. Singular Personal Pronouns (Nominative):

- **ich** (I) → Used for self-identification. Verb form: *ich heiße / ich bin*.
- **du** (you - informal) → Used for peers, friends, children. Verb form: *du heißt / du bist*.
- **Sie** (you - formal) → **Always capitalized**. Used for strangers, superiors, professionals. Verb form: *Sie heißen / Sie sind*.

2. Core Sentence Mechanics (Verb Position 2): <

In standard statements and W-questions, the conjugated verb occupies **Position 2**.

- *W-Question*: Wie (1) **heißen** (2) Sie (3)?
- *Statement*: Ich (1) **heiße** (2) Nico (3).

Mandatory Execution Exercises

Complete these drills unassisted on a clean sheet or text editor. Correct your answers using the key below.

Drill A: Fill in the Blank (Pronouns & Verbs)

1. Hallo, wie heißt ____? (Informal) → Ich ____ Nico.
2. Guten Tag, Herr Müller. Wie heißen ____? → Ich ____ Müller.
3. Wer ____ du? → Ich ____ Sarah.
4. Das ____ Frau König.

Drill B: Structural Translations (English to German)

1. Good morning, who are you? (Formal)
2. Goodbye! (Informal)
3. How are you called? (Informal)
4. Good evening, my name is Mr. Schneider. (Literal: ...I am called Mr. Schneider)

Drill Answer Key (Verification Module)

Drill A Solutions: (1) du / heiße | (2) Sie / heißen | (3) bist / bin | (4) ist

Drill B Solutions:

1. Guten Morgen, wer sind Sie?
2. Tschüss!
3. Wie heißt du?
4. Guten Abend, ich heiße Herr Schneider. (Alternatively: *Mein Name ist Herr Schneider.*)