

DAY 2: ORIGINS & W-QUESTIONS

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

PHASE 1: INPUT & ACQUISITION (1.5 HOURS)

Deutsche Welle (Nicos Weg) Instructions

Return to the **Nicos Weg A1** course and complete the next two crucial modules:

- 1. **Episode 4: Woher kommst du?** (Focus on the prepositions indicating origin).
- 2. **Episode 5: Sprachen** (Pay attention to the verbs used to describe language proficiency).

Protocol: Notice how the sentence melody changes depending on whether it is a statement or a question. Continue completing every interactive drill.

PHASE 2: VOCABULARY MASTERY (1.0 HOUR)

Core Word List (Origins & Languages)

Transfer these to your Anki deck. Pay special attention to the difference between **kommen aus** and **wohnen in**.

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
kommen	to come	Verb (Regular)
wohnen	to live / reside	Verb (Regular)
sprechen	to speak	Verb (Stem-changing)
Woher...?	Where from...?	Interrogative Pronoun
Wo...?	Where...?	Interrogative Pronoun
aus	from (origin)	Preposition (always paired with <i>kommen</i>)
in	in (location)	Preposition (often paired with <i>wohnen</i>)
das Land, -er	the country	Noun (Neuter)
die Stadt, -e (with umlaut)	the city	Noun (Feminine)
die Sprache, -n	the language	Noun (Feminine)
Deutschland	Germany	Country Name

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
Jordanien	Jordan	Country Name
Deutsch / Englisch / Arabisch	German / English / Arabic	Languages
ein bisschen	a little bit	Phrase

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

Grammar Blueprint: Regular Conjugation & Prepositions

1. Regular Verb Conjugation (Present Tense)

To conjugate regular verbs, remove the **-en** infinitive ending and add the pronoun-specific suffix:

- **ich** (I) → add **-e** (ich komme, ich wohne)
- **du** (you) → add **-st** (du kommst, du wohnst)
- **Sie** (you formal) → add **-en** (Sie kommen, Sie wohnen)

2. The Verb "sprechen" (Stem-changing)

For *ich* and *Sie*, it is normal: *ich spreche, Sie sprechen*. But for *du*, the 'e' becomes an 'i': **du sprichst**.

3. Direction vs. Location

- Origin (Movement from): *Woher kommen Sie?* → *Ich komme **aus** Jordanien.*
- Location (Static placement): *Wo wohnen Sie?* → *Ich wohne **in** Amman.*

Mandatory Execution Exercises

Drill A: Fill in the Blank (Prepositions & Conjugations)

1. Woher _____ du? → Ich komme _____ Deutschland.
2. Wo _____ Sie? → Ich wohne _____ Berlin.
3. _____ sprichst du? → Ich _____ Arabisch und ein bisschen Deutsch.
4. Herr Schneider, _____ kommen Sie?

Drill B: Structural Translations (English to German)

1. Where do you come from? (Formal)
2. I live in Germany, and I speak English.
3. Where do you live? (Informal)
4. I come from Jordan and I speak Arabic.

Drill Answer Key (Verification Module)

Drill A Solutions: (1) kommst / aus | (2) wohnen / in | (3) Was / spreche | (4) woher

Drill B Solutions:

1. Woher kommen Sie?
2. Ich wohne in Deutschland, und ich spreche Englisch.
3. Wo wohnst du?
4. Ich komme aus Jordanien und ich spreche Arabisch.