

DAY 3: THE ENGINE OF GERMAN (SEIN)

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

PHASE 1: INPUT & ACQUISITION (1.5 HOURS)

Deutsche Welle (Nicos Weg) Instructions

Open the **Nicos Weg A1** course and tackle the following modules. Today focuses heavily on numbers and fundamental states of being.

- 1. **Episode 6: Wie geht's?** (Learn to ask and answer "How are you?" in formal and informal registers).
- 2. **Episode 7: Zahlen** (Master the numbers 0 to 20. Do not move on until pronunciation is exact).
- 3. **Episode 8: Telefonnummern** (Practice listening comprehension by transcribing spoken phone numbers).

Protocol: Numbers require muscle memory. Say every number out loud during the interactive audio exercises.

PHASE 2: VOCABULARY MASTERY (1.0 HOUR)

Core Word List (Numbers & States)

Load these into your Anki deck or your Chirurgie-Hub repository. The verb **sein** is the most important infrastructural word in the entire language.

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
null, eins, zwei, drei, vier	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	Numbers
fünf, sechs, sieben, acht, neun	5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Numbers
zehn, elf, zwölf	10, 11, 12	Numbers (Irregulars)
dreizehn ... neunzehn	13 ... 19	Numbers (Number + zehn)
zwanzig	20	Number
Wie geht es Ihnen?	How are you? (Formal)	Fixed Phrase
Wie geht's? / Wie geht es dir?	How's it going? (Informal)	Fixed Phrase
Danke, gut.	Thanks, good.	Response
schlecht / nicht so gut	bad / not so good	Adjectives / Responses
auch	also / too	Adverb

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
die Nummer, -n	the number	Noun (Feminine)
die Telefonnummer, -n	the phone number	Noun (Feminine)

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

Grammar Blueprint: The Irregular Verb "sein"

1. Full Conjugation of "sein" (to be)

This verb is completely irregular and must be memorized through sheer repetition:

- **ich bin** (I am)
- **du bist** (you are - informal)
- **er/sie/es ist** (he/she/it is)
- **wir sind** (we are)
- **ihr seid** (you all are - plural informal)
- **sie/Sie sind** (they are / you are - formal)

2. Answering "Wie geht's?"

Note: "Wie geht es dir?" technically uses the Dative case (literally: "How goes it to you?"). For now, memorize it as a fixed phrase rather than worrying about the case mechanics.

- *Response format:* (Mir geht es) + [Adjective]. Example: **Mir geht es gut.** (I am doing well.)

Mandatory Execution Exercises

Drill A: Full Conjugation Stress Test

1. Ich _____ Nico. Wer _____ du?
2. Wir _____ in Berlin. _____ ihr auch in Berlin?
3. Frau König, _____ Sie aus Deutschland?
4. Das _____ meine Telefonnummer.

Drill B: Mental Math (Write answers in German words)

1. acht + vier = _____
2. neunzehn - sieben = _____
3. fünf + zehn = _____
4. zwanzig - neun = _____

Drill Answer Key (Verification Module)

Drill A Solutions: (1) bin / bist | (2) sind / seid | (3) sind | (4) ist

Drill B Solutions:

1. zwölf (12)
2. zwölf (12)
3. fünfzehn (15)
4. elf (11)