

DAY 4: POSSESSION (HABEN) & ALPHABET

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

PHASE 1: INPUT & ACQUISITION (1.5 HOURS)

Deutsche Welle (Nicos Weg) Instructions

We are unlocking the second most important verb in the German language today. Complete:

- 1. **Episode 9: Das Alphabet** (Focus on spelling out complex words and identifying the phonetic differences between vowels).
- 2. **Episode 10: Hast du...?** (Introduction to the verb **haben**).

Protocol: Pay strict attention to the German pronunciation of **W** (sounds like an English 'V'), **V** (sounds like an English 'F'), and **Z** (sounds like 'ts').

PHASE 2: VOCABULARY MASTERY (1.0 HOUR)

Core Word List (Everyday Items & Spelling)

Add these to your SRS. Since German nouns always have a gender, you must memorize the article (der/die/das) as if it is part of the word itself.

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
haben	to have	Verb (Irregular)
das Auto, -s	the car	Noun (Neuter)
der Laptop, -s	the laptop	Noun (Masculine)
das Handy, -s	the mobile phone	Noun (Neuter)
das Aquarium, Aquarien	the aquarium	Noun (Neuter)
der Schlüssel, -	the key	Noun (Masculine)
das Problem, -e	the problem	Noun (Neuter)
die E-Mail, -s	the email	Noun (Feminine)
@ (at)	at symbol	Pronounced exactly like English "at"
. (Punkt)	dot	Used for spelling email addresses

German Term	English Equivalent	Classification / Context
_ (Unterstrich)	underscore	Used for spelling
- (Bindestrich)	hyphen / dash	Used for spelling
buchstabieren	to spell	Verb (Regular)

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

Grammar Blueprint: The Irregular Verb "haben"

Full Conjugation of "haben" (to have)

This verb is mostly regular, but drops the 'b' in the *du* and *er/sie/es* forms. Memorize this sequence permanently:

- **ich habe** (I have)
- **du hast** (you have - informal)
- **er/sie/es hat** (he/she/it has)
- **wir haben** (we have)
- **ihr habt** (you all have - plural informal)
- **sie/Sie haben** (they have / you have - formal)

Note on "haben": Later (in Week 2), you will learn that *haben* triggers the Accusative case. For today, focus purely on matching the correct verb conjugation to the pronoun.

Mandatory Execution Exercises

Drill A: Full Conjugation Stress Test

1. Ich _____ ein Auto und du _____ ein Fahrrad.
2. Wir _____ ein Problem!
3. Herr Müller, _____ Sie einen Laptop?
4. Sie (she) _____ den Schlüssel.

Drill B: Spelling & Translation

1. Spell out the word **NEOVIM** phonetically using the German alphabet.
2. Translate: "I have a laptop and an aquarium."
3. Translate: "Do you have a problem?" (Informal)

Drill Answer Key (Verification Module)

Drill A Solutions: (1) habe / hast | (2) haben | (3) haben | (4) hat

Drill B Solutions:

1. N (en) - E (e) - O (o) - V (fau) - I (i) - M (em)

2. Ich habe einen Laptop und ein Aquarium. (*Note: 'einen' is accusative, which we cover later, but this is the correct output!*)

3. Hast du ein Problem?