



High-frequency vocabulary project

Background

- Research into frequently used vocabulary suggests that a small number of common words and phrases make up a significant percentage of written and spoken language.
- In English, it is estimated that 100 words make up around half of what we read in our everyday activities and just 25 words make up a third of what we read.
- Similarly, in German, around 100 core words make up 50% of everyday language. You actually need just 1300 words to understand 85% of most German texts.
- It is logical, therefore, to ensure that learners of German have a secure understanding of the most common words and phrases.

Guidelines for the project:

- This booklet contains **125 words** that are among the most commonly used words or phrases in German.
- The 125 words have been broken down into **five sets of 25 words**.
- Some of the words are taken from your Stimmt! textbook topics; others are more general but equally important words.
- Your main **German Home-Based Learning** is to learn and master these words.
- At the end of each block of learning you will be tested on the words accumulated so far. At the end of **block 1**, you will be tested on **block 1 vocabulary**; at the end of **block 2**, you will be tested on both **block 1 and block 2 vocabulary** and so on.
- You should aim to be tested twice per week. This could be by a parent, a sibling or a friend, but the important thing is that you are accountable to someone else!
- In addition to being tested on some of the words twice per week, it is a good idea to do a 'checkpoint' test two times per block. The tables in this book will help you to do this.

Timeline :

Block 1	Vocab tested by 16 th November 2018
Block 1 and 2	Vocab tested by 18 th January 2019
Block 1, 2 and 3	Vocab tested by 15 th March 2019
Block 1, 2, 3 and 4	Vocab tested by 17 th May 2019
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Accountability: you are accountable to someone else as they will be meeting with you twice a week.

Respect: you should respect the time that someone is offering to support your HBL. They should also respect your efforts to learn.

Responsibility: take responsibility to arrange the meetings and to learn the vocabulary. You might want to stick to the same times each week.

Independence: show that you can be independent in managing your time and your learning.

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