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**NCEA Level 2 German Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Below is the revised Level 2 German Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 2 German external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

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This version of the vocabulary list is arranged by **grammatical category**.

The complete (and authoritative) alphabetical list can be found online (in several configurations) [here](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/learning-languages/german?view=teaching).

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| **Nouns** | | | |
|  | **German** | | **English** |
| **A** | das | Abenteuer | adventure |
|  | das | Abitur | university entry exam |
|  | die | Aktion | campaign |
|  | der | Arbeitgeber | employer |
|  | der | Arbeitnehmer | employee |
|  | die | Art | kind, sort, species |
|  | die | Ausbildung | training, education |
|  | der | Austausch | exchange |
|  | die | Auswahl | choice, selection |
| **B** | das | Bargeld | cash |
|  | die | Bevölkerung | population |
|  | die | Beziehung | relationship |
|  | der | Blick | look, glance |
|  | das | Blut | blood |
|  | der | Boden | ground, floor |
|  | die | Botschaft | embassy, message |
|  | der/die | Bürger (m), Bürgerin (f) | citizen |
| **C** | der/die | Chef (m), Chefin (f) | boss |
| **D** | die | Droge | drug |
|  | der | Druck | pressure |
| **E** | die | Ehe | marriage |
|  | der | Eindruck | impression |
|  | der | Einfluss | influence |
|  | die | Erde | earth, soil, ground |
|  | die | Erfahrung | experience |
|  | das | Ergebnis | result |
|  | die | Erinnerung | memory |
|  | die | Ernährung | food, diet (what one eats), nutrition |
| **F** | die | Fantasie | imagination, fantasy |
|  | die | Firma | firm |
|  | die | Folge | consequence, outcome |
|  | die | Freiheit | freedom |
|  | der/die | Freiwillige (m), Freiwillige (f) *(adj noun)* | volunteer |
|  | die | Freude | joy, pleasure |
|  | die | Freundschaft | friendship |
| **G** | das | Gebiet | area, field |
|  | die | Geduld | patience |
|  | die | Gefahr | danger |
|  | das | Gefühl | feeling |
|  | das | Gehalt | salary, wages |
|  | das | Geheimnis | secret |
|  | die | Gelegenheit | opportunity |
|  | die | Gemeinschaft | community |
|  | das | Gemeinschaftsprojekt | community project |
|  | das | Gespräch | conversation |
|  | das | Getränk | drink |
|  | das | Gift | poison |
|  | die | Größe | size |
|  | der | Gruppenzwang | peer pressure |
| **H** | die | Handlung | action, plot |
|  | die | Haut | skin |
|  | die | Heimat | homeland/home town |
|  | der/die | Held (m), Heldin (f) | hero, heroine |
|  | das | Herz | heart |
|  | die | Hilfe | help |
|  | die | Hoffnung | hope |
| **I** | der | Inhalt | content |
| **J** | die | Jugend | youth |
|  | der | Jugendliche | young person |
| **K** | das | Klima | climate |
|  | der | Klimawandel | climate change |
|  | der/die | Kollege (m), Kollegin (f) | colleague |
|  | der | Kreis | circle |
|  | die | Kultur | culture |
| **L** | der | Laden | shop |
|  | die | Lage | situation, position |
|  | der | Lebenslauf | CV |
|  | die | Lehrstelle | apprenticeship |
|  | die | Leidenschaft | passion |
|  | das | Loch | hole |
|  | die | Luft | air |
| **M** | die | Mannschaft | team |
|  | das | Märchen | folktale, fairy story |
|  | die | Marke | brand, mark |
|  | die | Mehrheit | majority |
|  | die | Minderheit | minority |
|  | das | Missverständnis | misunderstanding |
|  | das | Mitglied | member |
|  | das | Mitleid | sympathy |
|  | die | Mode | fashion |
|  | die | Möglichkeit | possibility |
|  | der | Müll | rubbish |
|  | die | Muttersprache | mother tongue |
| **N** | der | Nachteil | disadvantage |
| **O** | die | Oberstufe | senior school (level) |
|  | das | Öl | oil |
| **P** | der | Personalausweis | ID card |
|  | die | Pflanze | plant |
|  | das | Praktikum | internship, practical training, work experience |
|  | der | Preis | price, prize |
| **Q** | die | Qualität | quality |
| **R** | der | Raum | room, space |
|  | die | Regenbogengesellschaft | rainbow community |
| **S** | die | Scheibe | slice, pane (glass) |
|  | der | Schulabschluss | school leaving qualification |
|  | die | Schuld | blame, guilt |
|  | der | Spiegel | mirror |
|  | die | Stelle | position, job, place |
|  | die | Stimmung | mood, atmosphere |
|  | das | Stipendium | scholarship |
|  | der | Stock | storey, floor (of a building) |
|  | der/die | Student (m), Studentin (f) | tertiary student |
|  | das | Studium | university course |
| **T** | die/der | Teilzeitarbeit/Teilzeitjob | part-time work/job |
|  | das | Thema | topic, theme |
|  | das | Tor | goal, gate |
|  | der | Traum | dream |
| **U** | die | Übung | exercise, practice |
|  | die | Umwelt | environment |
|  | der | Unfall | accident |
|  | die | Universität | university |
|  | der | Unterschied | difference |
| **V** | die | Verantwortung | responsibility |
|  | der | Verein | club, society |
|  | das | Verhältnis | relationship, relation, proportion |
|  | das | Vorbild | example, role model |
|  | der | Vorteil | advantage |
| **W** | die | Wahrheit | truth |
|  | die | Wohngemeinschaft (WG) | flat, flatmates |
| **Z** | die | Zahl | number |
|  | die | Zeitschrift | magazine |
|  | das | Ziel | goal, aim |
|  | der | Zucker | sugar |
|  | die | Zukunft | future |
|  | der | Zuschauer | spectator |

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| **Verbs** | | |
| **German** | | **English** |
|  | **ab**nehmen | to lose weight |
|  | **an**bieten | to offer |
|  | ändern | to change |
|  | **an**nehmen | to accept, assume |
| sich | ärgern | to be annoyed |
|  | atmen | to breathe |
|  | **auf**geben | to give up |
|  | **aus**halten | to tolerate |
|  | **aus**wandern | to emigrate |
|  | beantworten | to respond, to reply, to answer |
|  | bedeuten | to mean |
|  | begegnen | to encounter, to meet |
|  | behandeln | to treat |
| sich | benehmen | to behave |
|  | beobachten | to observe |
|  | berichten | to report |
| sich | beschweren | to complain |
|  | besitzen | to own, possess |
| sich | bewerben (um + Acc.) | to apply (for) |
|  | drehen | to turn |
|  | **ein**wandern | to immigrate |
|  | entdecken | to discover |
|  | enthalten | to contain |
|  | entscheiden | to decide |
| sich | entspannen | to relax |
|  | enttäuschen | to disappoint |
|  | entwickeln | to develop |
|  | erfinden | to invent |
|  | erleben | to experience |
|  | erreichen | to reach, achieve |
|  | erwarten | to expect |
|  | führen | to lead |
|  | genießen | to enjoy |
|  | hassen | to hate |
|  | impfen | to vaccinate |
|  | isolieren | to insulate, to isolate |
|  | kämpfen | to fight |
|  | kapieren | to understand (coll.) |
|  | küssen | to kiss |
|  | leihen | to borrow, to lend |
|  | lösen | to solve |
|  | meinen | to think, to believe, to say, to have an opinion |
|  | merken | to notice |
|  | mieten | to rent, hire |
|  | öffnen | to open |
|  | packen | to grab, to pack |
|  | prüfen | to test, to examine |
|  | raten | to advise, to guess |
|  | rauchen | to smoke |
|  | schaffen | to manage, to achieve |
|  | schenken | to give as a gift |
|  | schimpfen | to tell off |
|  | speichern | to save (on the computer) |
|  | stecken | to put (inside) |
|  | stehlen | to steal |
|  | steigen | to climb |
|  | sterben | to die |
|  | stören | to disturb |
| sich | streiten | to argue |
|  | tauschen | to swap, to exchange |
|  | teilen | to share |
|  | trampen | to hitchhike |
|  | träumen | to dream |
| sich | trennen | to separate (from sb), to split up (with sb) |
|  | trösten | to comfort, to console |
|  | überraschen | to surprise |
|  | übertreiben | to exaggerate |
| sich | unterhalten | to chat, to converse |
|  | unterrichten | to teach |
|  | unterstützen | to support |
|  | verbessern | to correct, to improve |
|  | verbieten | to forbid |
|  | vergleichen | to compare |
|  | verhindern | to prevent |
|  | vermissen | to miss (person, place) |
|  | verschwenden | to waste |
|  | versprechen | to promise |
|  | verstecken | to hide |
|  | **vor**schlagen | to suggest |
|  | wachsen | to grow |
|  | wählen | to choose, to vote |
|  | weinen | to cry |
| sich | wünschen | to wish |
|  | **zu**nehmen | to put on weight |
|  | **zu**stimmen | to agree |

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| **Adjectives** | |
| **German** | **English** |
| ähnlich | similar |
| aktuell | current, topical |
| anstrengend | exhausting |
| arbeitslos | unemployed |
| aufregend | thrilling, exhilarating, exciting |
| begeistert | enthusiastic |
| behindert | with special needs |
| berufstätig | employed |
| berühmt | famous |
| beschäftigt | busy |
| bestimmt | certain(ly) |
| bi-sexuell | bisexual |
| dringend | urgent |
| ehrlich | honest |
| eifersüchtig | jealous |
| einsam | lonely |
| einzig | one and only (single) |
| entfernt | distant |
| erfolgreich | successful |
| fähig | capable, able to |
| fest | firm, solid |
| freiwillig | voluntary |
| furchtbar | terrible |
| gemeinsam | together |
| geschieden | divorced |
| gestresst | stressed |
| gleichzeitig | simultaneous |
| höflich | polite |
| knapp | scarce, short, barely enough |
| komisch | funny, odd |
| lebhaft | lively |
| ledig | single, unmarried |
| lesbisch | lesbian |
| locker | cool, relaxed |
| neugierig | curious, inquisitive |
| nützlich | useful |
| peinlich | embarrassing |
| persönlich | personal(ly) |
| riesengroß | huge |
| schlimm | bad |
| schwanger | pregnant |
| schwul | gay |
| selbstbewusst | self-confident |
| selbstständig | independent |
| stressig | stressful |
| tief | deep |
| tot | dead |
| treu | faithful |
| übrig | remaining, left over |
| umweltbewusst | environmentally aware |
| umweltfeindlich | hostile to environment |
| umweltfreundlich | environmentally friendly |
| unabhängig | independent |
| unheimlich | scary, weird, creepy, incredibly, tremendously |
| verbunden | connected, on-line |
| verheiratet | married |
| verletzt | injured, hurt |
| vernünftig | sensible |
| verrückt | crazy |
| verschieden | different |
| vorsichtig | careful |
| wütend | furious, very angry |
| zuverlässig | reliable |

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| **Adverbs** | |
| **German** | **English** |
| außerdem | besides |
| bisher | up to now, previously |
| damals | then, at that time |
| danach | afterwards, after that |
| eigentlich | actually |
| hauptsächlich | mainly |
| höchstens | at the most |
| inzwischen | in the meantime |
| irgendwann | sometime or other |
| irgendwie | somehow |
| irgendwo | somewhere, anywhere |
| jemals | ever |
| nebenan | next door |
| neulich | recently |
| nirgends | nowhere |
| rückwärts | backwards |
| schließlich | after all, finally |
| sonst | otherwise |
| sowieso | anyway |
| trotzdem | nevertheless |
| umsonst | for nothing, in vain,  at no charge |
| unbedingt | by all means, absolutely |
| vorwärts | forwards |
| weiter | continue, carry on  (to the next page/step) |
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| **Pronouns** | |
| **German** | **English** |
| einander | each other |
| irgendwas | something, anything |