

## NCEA Level 2 German Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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

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| Nouns    |         |  |                                       |
|----------|---------|--|---------------------------------------|
|          | German  |  | English                               |
| <b>A</b> | 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>B</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                               |
| <b>C</b> | der/die | Chef (m), Chefin (f)                                 | boss                                  |
| <b>D</b> | die     | Droge  | drug                                  |
|          | der     | Druck  | pressure                              |
| <b>E</b> | 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 |
| <b>F</b> | die     | Fantasie   | imagination, fantasy                  |
|          | die     | Firma  | firm                                  |
|          | die     | Folge  | consequence, outcome                  |
|          | die     | Freiheit   | freedom                               |
|          | der/die | Freiwillige (m), Freiwillige (f) ( <i>adj noun</i> ) | volunteer                             |
|          | die     | Freude   | joy, pleasure                         |
|          | die     | Freundschaft   | friendship                            |
| <b>G</b> | 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         |
| <b>H</b> | 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                  |
| <b>I</b> | der     | Inhalt                    | content               |
| <b>J</b> | die     | Jugend                    | youth                 |
|          | der     | Jugendliche               | young person          |
| <b>K</b> | das     | Klima                     | climate               |
|          | der     | Klimawandel               | climate change        |
|          | der/die | Kollege (m), Kollegin (f) | colleague             |
|          | der     | Kreis                     | circle                |
|          | die     | Kultur                    | culture               |
| <b>L</b> | der     | Laden                     | shop                  |
|          | die     | Lage                      | situation, position   |
|          | der     | Lebenslauf                | CV                    |
|          | die     | Lehrstelle                | apprenticeship        |
|          | die     | Leidenschaft              | passion               |
|          | das     | Loch                      | hole                  |
|          | die     | Luft                      | air                   |
| <b>M</b> | 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         |
| <b>N</b> | der     | Nachteil                  | disadvantage          |
| <b>O</b> | die     | Oberstufe                 | senior school (level) |
|          | das     | Öl                        | oil                   |
| <b>P</b> | der     | Personalausweis           | ID card               |
|          | die     | Pflanze                   | plant                 |

|          |         |                            |   |
|----------|---------|----------------------------|---|
|          | das     | Praktikum                  | internship, practical training, work experience |
|          | der     | Preis                      | price, prize                                    |
| <b>Q</b> | die     | Qualität                   | quality   |
| <b>R</b> | der     | Raum                       | room, space                                     |
|          | die     | Regenbogengesellschaft     | rainbow community                               |
| <b>S</b> | 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                               |
| <b>T</b> | die/der | Teilzeitarbeit/Teilzeitjob | part-time work/job                              |
|          | das     | Thema                      | topic, theme                                    |
|          | das     | Tor                        | goal, gate                                      |
|          | der     | Traum                      | dream   |
| <b>U</b> | die     | Übung                      | exercise, practice                              |
|          | die     | Umwelt                     | environment                                     |
|          | der     | Unfall                     | accident  |
|          | die     | Universität                | university                                      |
|          | der     | Unterschied                | difference                                      |
| <b>V</b> | die     | Verantwortung              | responsibility                                  |
|          | der     | Verein                     | club, society                                   |
|          | das     | Verhältnis                 | relationship, relation, proportion              |
|          | das     | Vorbild                    | example, role model                             |
|          | der     | Vorteil                    | advantage                                       |
| <b>W</b> | die     | Wahrheit                   | truth   |
|          | die     | Wohngemeinschaft (WG)      | flat, flatmates                                 |
| <b>Z</b> | die     | Zahl                       | number  |
|          | die     | Zeitschrift                | magazine  |
|          | das     | Ziel                       | goal, aim                                       |
|          | der     | Zucker                     | sugar   |
|          | die     | Zukunft                    | future  |
|          | der     | Zuschauer                  | spectator                                       |

| Verbs  |                       |  |
|--------|-----------------------|--|
| German |                       | English  |
|        | <b>ab</b> nehmen      | to lose weight                                   |
|        | <b>an</b> bieten      | to offer   |
|        | ändern                | to change  |
|        | <b>an</b> nehmen      | to accept, assume                                |
| sich   | ärgern                | to be annoyed                                    |
|        | atmen                 | to breathe                                       |
|        | <b>auf</b> geben      | to give up                                       |
|        | <b>aus</b> halten     | to tolerate                                      |
|        | <b>aus</b> wandern    | to emigrate                                      |
|        | beantworten           | to respond, to reply, to answer                  |
|        | bedeuten              | to mean  |
|        | begegnen              | to encounter, to meet                            |
|        | behandeln             | to treat   |
| sich   | ben <del>e</del> hmen | 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  |
|        | <b>ein</b> 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                                      |
|      | <b>vorschlagen</b> | to suggest                                   |
|      | wachsen            | to grow                                      |
|      | wählen             | to choose, to vote                           |
|      | weinen             | to cry                                       |
| sich | wünschen           | to wish                                      |
|      | <b>zunehmen</b>    | to put on weight                             |
|      | <b>zustimmen</b>   | to agree                                     |

| <b>Adjectives</b> |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>German</b>     | <b>English</b>                    |
| 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                                       |

| <b>Adverbs</b> |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>German</b>  | <b>English</b>         |
| 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,<br>at no charge         |
| unbedingt   | by all means,<br>absolutely                   |
| vorwärts    | forwards                                      |
| weiter      | continue, carry on<br>(to the next page/step) |

| <b>Pronouns</b> |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>German</b>   | <b>English</b>      |
| einander        | each other          |
| irgendwas       | something, anything |