

NCEA Level 3 German Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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Below is the revised Level 3 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 3 German external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students. (Hint, if you leave out page 1, the list will fit nicely into a booklet with no blank pages.)
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

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](#).

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| Nouns | | |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| German | | English |
| die | Armut | poverty |
| der | Asylbewerber | asylum seeker |
| der | Aufenthalt | stay |
| die | Auskunft | information |
| die | Ausnahme | exception |
| die | Bedingung | condition |
| die | Behörde | authority |
| der | Betrieb | firm, company, factory |
| die | Einheit | unity |
| das | Ereignis | event |
| der | Feierabend | end of work, knock-off time |
| der | Feind | enemy |
| der | Flüchtling | refugee |
| der | Frieden | peace |
| der | Gedanke | thought |
| das | Gefängnis | prison |
| das | Geräusch | noise |
| der | Geschmack | taste |
| die | Gesellschaft | society |
| das | Gesetz | law |
| die | Gewalt | violence |
| das | Gewissen | conscience |
| die | Grenze | border |
| die | Konkurrenz | competition |
| die | Kraft | power, strength |
| der | Krieg | war |
| die | Landwirtschaft | agriculture |
| die | Leistung | achievement |
| der | Mangel an (+ Dat.) | lack of, shortage |
| die | Meisterschaft | championships |
| die | Menschheit | humanity, mankind |
| der | Mut | courage |
| die | Not | emergency |
| die | Pflicht | duty, obligation |
| die | Quelle | source, spring |
| der | Rassismus | racism |
| das | Recht | justice, right |
| die | Regierung | government |
| die | Rente | pension |
| der | Roman | novel |
| der | Sinn | sense, meaning |
| die | Strafe | punishment |
| der | Strom | current, electricity |
| der | Unsinn | nonsense |

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|-----|---------------|------------------------------|
| die | Ursache | cause |
| das | Urteil | verdict |
| die | Vereinigung | unification |
| die | Vergangenheit | past |
| das | Vorurteil | prejudice |
| das | Wahlrecht | right to vote |
| der | Wehrdienst | military service |
| die | Wende | turning point, reunification |
| die | Werbung | advertising |
| der | Wettbewerb | competition |
| die | Wirkung | effect |
| die | Wirtschaft | economy |
| der | Zivildienst | community service |
| der | Zweck | purpose |

| Verbs | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| German | | English |
| | an erkennen | to recognise |
| sich | an passen | to adapt, conform |
| | auff allen | to stand out, be conspicuous |
| | bedauern | to regret |
| | bedrohen | to threaten |
| | begleiten | to accompany |
| | begründen | to give reasons for, to justify, to account for |
| | behalten | to keep |
| | behaupten | to assert, to claim |
| | bei tragen | to contribute to |
| sich | bemühen | to make an effort |
| | benachteiligen | to discriminate against, to put at a disadvantage |
| | Bescheid sagen | to let someone know |
| | bestehen | to pass (an exam) |
| | beurteilen | to judge |
| | beweisen | to prove, to show |
| | bezweifeln | to doubt |
| | empfangen | to receive, to welcome |
| | entschlossen sein | to be determined |
| | erkundigen | to find out about, to get information |
| | erscheinen | to appear |
| | ersetzen | to replace |
| | erwähnen | to mention |
| | erziehen | to bring up, to educate |
| | fest stellen | to establish, state |
| | fliehen | to flee, to escape from |
| | flüchten | to take refuge, to escape |
| | fordern | to demand |
| | forschen | to research |
| | fürchten vor (+ Dat.) | to be afraid of |
| | nach denken | to think about, to reflect |
| | Rücksicht nehmen auf (+ Acc.) | to show consideration for |
| | schaden (+ Dat.) | to damage |
| | schützen | to protect |
| | überlegen | to consider, to think over, to deliberate |
| | überzeugen | to convince |
| sich | unterscheiden | to be different |
| sich | verabreden | to make an appointment, to arrange a date |
| | verbrauchen | to consume, to use |
| | vermeiden | to avoid |
| | vernachlässigen | to neglect |
| | verschwinden | to disappear |
| | versichern | to make sure, to insure |
| | vertrauen | to trust |
| | verursachen | to cause |
| | wechseln | to switch, to replace, to change, to exchange |
| | werfen | to throw |
| | zerstören | to destroy |
| | zu geben | to admit |
| | zwingen | to force |

| Adjectives | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| German | English |
| aufgeschlossen | open-minded |
| ehemalig | former |
| einheimisch | native, indigenous |
| gleichberechtigt | having equal rights |
| obdachlos | homeless |
| üblich | usual |
| umgekehrt | reversed, other way around |

| Adverbs | |
|------------|----------------------|
| German | English |
| heutzutage | nowadays |
| insgesamt | altogether, in total |
| jedenfalls | in any case |
| sogar | even |
| übrigens | by the way |
| zugleich | at the same time |

| Adjectives and adverbs | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| German | English |
| angenehm | enjoyable, pleasant |
| anpassungsfähig | adaptable |
| außergewöhnlich | extraordinary |
| empfindlich | sensitive, delicate |
| gründlich | thorough |
| günstig | favourable, convenient, affordable |
| häufig | heimlich |
| heimlich | secretly |
| mächtig | powerful |
| merkwürdig | odd, peculiar |

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|--------------------|--|
| öffentlich | public |
| schädlich | harmful |
| selbstverständlich | obviously, evidently of course |
| seltsam | strange, weird |
| sorgfältig | thorough(ly), closely, diligently, careful(ly) |
| tatsächlich | actual, in fact |
| ursprünglich | originally |
| vernünftig | sensible |
| vielfältig | diverse |
| zufällig | accidental, by chance |

| Idioms | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| German | English |
| im Allgemeinen | in general |
| Ich bestehe auf eine Antwort. | I insist on an answer. |
| Meine Familie besteht aus drei Personen. | My family consists of three people. |
| im Durchschnitt | on average |
| im Gegenteil | on the contrary |
| Es ist mir gelingen , einen Job zu finden. | I succeeded in finding a job. |
| aus diesem Grund | for this reason |
| in der Regel | as a rule |
| unter keinen Umständen | under no circumstances |
| unter anderem | amongst other things |
| auf dieser Weise | in this way |