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German I Unit 1 Getting Started in German

How to Use this Unit

This unit was developed using the principle of beginning with the end in mind. In other words, the end-of-unit assessments were developed first, based on the current Georgia standards for Modern Languages. Those standards were developed and adopted in 2002 and can be accessed in their entirety at the following URL:

www.GeorgiaStandards.Org

To use this unit, follow these steps:

1. Read over the unit in its entirety.
2. Decide which of the **Summative Performance-based Assessment Tasks** you will use to assess student performance at the end of the unit.
3. Based on that choice, review the **Interdisciplinary Instructional Tasks**, decide which ones you will use, and in what order.
4. Review your draft unit plan, the **Standards and the Corresponding Essential Questions**, and the **Language Structures Needed for this Unit**. Identify any standards that are not addressed or other gaps in instruction and design appropriate **Interdisciplinary Instructional Tasks** to address those standards and/or instructional gaps.
5. Review the list of **Formative Assessment Tasks** and decide which ones you will use to assess student progress during the unit. Be sure to choose tasks that will reinforce student performance on the **Summative Assessment Tasks**. Design your own tasks as well!
6. Review your entire unit and identify the materials and resources you need to teach it.
7. Have fun teaching a performance-based unit!

Essential Question

What is it like to learn a foreign language?

What the students will be able to do

Elements

- MLL.IP1A** Use basic greetings, farewells, and expressions of courtesy, in both oral and written forms.
- MLL.IP1G** Ask questions and provide responses based on topics such as self, family, school, etc.

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- MLI.IP1H** Use sequenced information, such as the alphabet, days of the week, months, seasons, and numbers 0-100 in context.
- MLI.INT1C** Understand simple instructions, such as classroom procedures and basic computer terminology.
- MLI.CCC1A** Demonstrate knowledge of geographical locations and identify major countries, cities, and geographical features of the places where the target language is spoken.
- MLI.CCC1C** Identify examples of vocabulary, phrases, proverbs, and symbols from the target language that are used in other subjects.
- MLI.CCC3A** Recognize similarities and differences in sound systems, writing systems, cognates, gender, and level appropriate idioms.
- MLI.CCC3B** Recognize basic sound distinctions and intonation patterns and their effects on communicating meaning.

What the students will know

Alphabet
Sounds / Pronunciation
Diacritical marks
Formal and informal greetings
Expressions of courtesy
Subject pronouns
Geography of the target language countries
Numbers 1-31
Days, months
Colors
Classroom instructions
Telling time
Weather Expressions
Body parts

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 1

Elements: MLI.IP1A, MLI.IP1G, MLI.CCC3B

To the Student: Your German teacher sees you coming down the hall. You want to impress him/her with how much German you have already learned. Your teacher greets you to start the conversation. Continue the conversation by responding appropriately to the greeting and to any questions your teacher may ask you. Be sure to greet your teacher, introduce yourself, use an expression of courtesy, and bid farewell.

Scoring Rubric

3 Exceeds Expectations

- Responds to teacher's greeting and initiates introduction of self
- Introduces self
- Uses an expression of courtesy
- Answers all teacher questions
- Uses an appropriate farewell

2 Meets Expectations

- Responds to teacher's greeting
- Introduces self
- Uses an expression of courtesy
- Answer most teacher questions
- Uses an appropriate farewell

1 Approaches Expectations

- Hesitates, but then responds to teacher's greeting
- Introduces self
- Does NOT use an expression of courtesy
- Cannot answer teacher questions
- Uses an appropriate farewell

U Unsatisfactory

- No response given

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 2

Elements: MLI.IP1A, MLI.IP1G, MLI.CCC3B

To the Student: You see your German teacher in the cafeteria at lunch and want to impress him/her with how much German you have already learned. START a conversation with your teacher that has one basic greeting including the teacher's title and name, a question asking how the teacher is, an appropriate response to a similar question, and one farewell. Remember, YOU start the conversation.

Scoring Rubric

3 Exceeds Expectations

- Greets teacher with the appropriate title and name
- Asks the teacher how s/he is
- Responds to the teacher's question about how s/he is, using a different response than the teacher used
- Uses an appropriate farewell, other than the one the teacher used
- Makes NO errors in pronunciation or vocabulary

2 Meets Expectations

- Greets teacher with the appropriate title and name
- Asks the teacher how s/he is
- Responds to the teacher's question about how s/he is
- Uses an appropriate farewell
- May make errors in pronunciation and/or vocabulary that DO NOT interfere with comprehension

1 Approaches Expectations

- Has to be prompted by the teacher to get the conversation started
- Does not ask the teacher how s/he is
- Hesitates when responding to the teacher's question about how s/he is
- Uses an appropriate farewell
- May make errors in pronunciation and/or vocabulary that interfere or prevent comprehension

U Unsatisfactory

- Does not attempt the activity

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 3

Elements: MLI.INT1C, MLI.CCC3A

To the Student: It's the first couple of weeks of the semester and a new student has just joined your German class. The teacher has asked you to help the new student understand the teacher's instructions by SHOWING the student what to do. There will be 5 instructions in German.

To the Teacher: This is a TPR activity dealing with classroom instructions and items found in a classroom. Tell students that you will give them five commands (directions / instructions) to follow. Use the following rubric to assess the students.

Scoring Rubric

- 3 Exceeds Expectations**
 - Follows all 5 of the commands
- 2 Meets Expectations**
 - Follows 4 of the commands
- 1 Approaches Expectations**
 - Follows 3 of the commands
- U Unsatisfactory**
 - Follows only 1 or 2 of the commands

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 4

Elements: MLI.CCC1A

To the Student: You and your family are planning your summer vacation. You want to travel to a German-speaking country, but your family does not know where they are all located. You have an outline map of the world. Label the continent where German is spoken. On the map of Europe, list the German-speaking countries. You do not have to label each country. Just list them.

To the Teacher: You can find world maps and maps of Europe at the following websites: www.enchantedlearning.com/geography and www.eduplace.com/ss/maps.

You should cover the directions to the teacher before making copies of the rest of this page and only give students the world map at first. After the students have labeled the world map, hand out the other maps you have chosen.

Scoring Rubric

- 3 Exceeds Expectations**
 - Labels the continents correctly
 - Lists at least 4 German-speaking countries
- 2 Meets Expectations**
 - Labels the continents correctly
 - Lists at least 3 German-speaking countries
- 1 Approaches Expectations**
 - Labels the continents correctly
 - Lists at least 2 German-speaking countries
- U Unsatisfactory**
 - Labels the continents incorrectly
 - Lists 1 German-speaking country

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 5

Elements: MLI.CCC1C, MLI.CCC3A, MLI.CCC3B

To the Student: Your teacher will provide you with a chart to use to list similarities and differences between the German and English languages. Using the chart, list as many cognates*, alphabet letters, accents, and intonation patterns, etc. that you can. (See **GR1-1 PBA5**)

Scoring Rubric

3 Exceeds Expectations

- ❑ Lists more than 10 accurate similarities and/or differences between the target language and English

2 Meets Expectations

- ❑ Lists at least 10 accurate similarities and/or differences between the target language and English

1 Approaches Expectations

- ❑ Lists at least 7 accurate similarities and/or differences between the target language and English

U Unsatisfactory

- ❑ Lists fewer than 7 accurate similarities and/or differences between the target language and English

*Remember - Cognates are words that look very similar, sound very similar, and mean the same thing in different languages.

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Summative Performance Based Assessment 6

Elements: MLI.IP1H, MLI.CCC3A

To the Student: Your teacher will say six months of the year, one at a time, in German. Write the month, as you hear it. Then, write down the color you most associate with that month, in German. You may write more than one color. Also, write down your reason in English.

Scoring Rubric

3 Exceeds Expectations

- Spells all 6 months correctly
- Writes more than 4 colors, with reasons that are believable
- Spells at least 3 of the colors correctly

2 Meets Expectations

- Spells 4 or more months correctly
- Writes 4 or more colors, with reasons that are believable
- Spells at least 2 of the colors correctly

1 Approaches Expectations

- Spells at least 3 months correctly
- Writes fewer than 4 colors, but with at least 2 reasons that are believable
- Spells at least 1 of the colors correctly

U Unsatisfactory

- Spells fewer than 3 months correctly
- Writes fewer than 4 colors, with or without reasons.
- Spells none of the colors correctly

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Interdisciplinary Instructional Tasks

Interpersonal Communication Tasks

- 1. Meeting Each Other (Language Arts)**
Have students work in pairs to create a brief (3-4 lines) introductory conversation. They should greet each other, tell each other their names, use an expression of courtesy, and tell each other goodbye.
- 2. Addition and Subtraction (Math)**
Have students create 5 addition and/or subtraction equations, using numerals, leaving out one of the three numbers. When they have written the equations, they should find a partner and read the equations to him/her. The partner then tells the other one the number that should correctly complete each equation.
- 3. What's the Weather Today? (Science)**
Each day (after you have taught several weather expressions) ask a student to tell you that day's weather. Then, have the class repeat it. Go to the following site to find pictures of weather in German:
www.enchantedlearning.com/language/german/label/weatherphrases
- 4. What Day is Today?**
Each day (after you have taught the days of the week) ask a different student to tell you what day it is. Then, have the class repeat it.
- 5. What is Today's Date?**
Each day (after you have taught the formation of dates) ask a different student to tell you that day's date (month and day only). Then, have the class repeat it.
- 6. What Country is This? (Social Studies)**
Each day (after you have introduced the German world) point to a German, Austrian or Swiss city on a map and ask a different student to tell you the country and the name of the city, in German. Then, have the class repeat the City in German.

Interpretive Communication Tasks

- 7. What's that noise? (Language Arts)**
Introduce students to the sounds of German, highlighting similarities and differences.
(See the example graphic organizer in the Supplements File for Spanish 1, Unit 1 to create a similar organizer for your class.)

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8. **Splash! (Art)**

Cut out colored construction paper and paste it onto white poster board, based on the combinations written below. Write the name of each color in German on the construction paper, but scramble the letters. Have students unscramble the letters and write the color down. Then, ask the students to tell you, in German, the colors they have written down. Then, have students write down the color formed by the combination of the two in German. For example: red + yellow = orange

Color combinations:

- red + yellow = orange
- blue + red = purple
- blue + yellow = green
- white + red = pink
- black + white = gray

9. **Swat that number! (PE)**

Write a random sampling of numbers between 0-31 on a transparency. Divide the class into at least two teams. Have one student from each team go to the board and give each a flyswatter. Call out a number that is on the board. The first student to correctly “swat” it earns a point for his/her team. Each student passes the flyswatter to the next person on his/her team. The game ends when you’ve called out all of the numbers.

10. **Let’s Add! (Math)**

Give students several addition problems, orally in German, using the numbers 0-31. Have students perform the addition and then randomly call on students to tell you the answers in German. An alternative way would be for students to write the numerals on a personal white board*, and have them hold up their answers. Afterwards, call on individual students to tell you the entire equation in German.

* An easy way to make individual white boards is to give each student a clear plastic page protector and a piece of white cardboard or cardstock. Put the cardboard in the protector. Use white board markers to write on the plastic and tissue or a cloth to wipe them off.

11. **Let’s Subtract! (Math)**

Give students several subtraction problems, orally in German, using the numbers 0-31. Have students perform the subtraction and then randomly call on students to tell you the answers in German. An alternative way would be for students to write the numerals on a personal white board, and have them hold up their answers. Afterwards, call on individual students to tell you the entire equation in German.

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12. What's in My Backpack? (All Subjects)

Bring a backpack to class that contains a variety of classroom items. Hold up various classroom items, and call on individual students to tell you what the item is in German. Then, have the whole class repeat what the item is. Once the contents of the backpack have been identified, identify other classroom items, such as desks, bookcases, etc. Have handouts of an unlabeled desktop ready for students to label.

For the unlabeled desktop handout, go to:

www.enchantedlearning.com/language/german/label/desk/

13. Body Parts (Health)

Go to one of the following websites and print out the unlabeled body and the unlabeled face for students to label. Use the handouts of the body and of the face to teach body parts. The websites are as follows:

www.enchantedlearning.com/language/german/label/body

www.enchantedlearning.com/language/german/label/face

14. Pick the Correct Time (Math)

Provide students with clock faces that are missing the hour and minute hands. Call out various times in the foreign language and have students draw the hands on the clocks.

For this handout, go to: www.enchantedlearning.com/language/german/label/time2/

Presentational Communication Tasks

15. The Rainbow (Art, Science)

Remind students that the colors of a rainbow appear in the same order as they do in a spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet). Then have students draw a rainbow, putting the colors in the appropriate order. After they have drawn and colored the rainbow, they should label each of the colors in the foreign language. Post the rainbows around the room or in the hallways.

16. The Calendar (Social Studies, Art)

Discuss with students the fact that not all countries / religions / cultures follow the same calendar (for example, Gregorian, Julian, Aztec, Jewish, Chinese). Provide students with a blank calendar page and have them fill in the days of the week and dates for one month, according to the calendar that is used in the target culture. Then, have them decorate the calendars and post them. A blank calendar page can be found in the HANDOUTS section of this unit.

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17. Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes (Health, P.E.)

Play head, shoulders, knees, and toes to practice body parts. Include only basic body parts*, as other body parts will appear in a later unit.

*Basic body parts would include head, shoulders, knees, toes, eyes, face, ears, mouth, nose, arm, leg, hand, and foot.

Recommended Formative Assessment Tasks

Throughout the teaching and learning process, teachers use various methods to determine if their students are “getting it.” In fact, using a variety of assessment activities that address students’ multiple intelligences and learning styles is an intrinsic part of good instruction. The formative assessment activities below are specifically designed to maintain a performance focus throughout the teaching of the unit and to allow teachers to pay attention to the building blocks that are necessary for students to actually *do* the performances at the end of the unit.

Communication in the Interpersonal Mode

- ❑ Work in pairs to create and/or practice simple conversations.
- ❑ Perform a short skit or dialogue for a class, the school or the community.
- ❑ Develop simple conversations based on provided visual cues.
- ❑ Use flash cards or board activities to demonstrate comprehension, such as Q&A with flash cards, Hangman, chalkboard drills, etc.
- ❑ Play games such as charades, Concentration/Memory, Pictionary, Slaps, Go-Fish, Guess Who, Dice Games, Board Games, etc., to practice vocabulary and/or grammatical concepts.
- ❑ Communicate via mail or the Internet with a pen pal in other classes, other schools in the U.S., or countries where the target language is spoken.
- ❑ Send and respond to simple invitations.
- ❑ Interview a peer to gather information to fill out a form or complete a simple survey.
- ❑ Work in pairs or in groups to retell a story that has been presented.

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- ❑ Give and/or follow simple directions.
- ❑ Simulate a real-world task such as conducting a basic telephone conversation, purchasing a ticket, ordering a simple meal, making a hotel reservation, etc.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups to create illustrations that indicate comprehension of a story, description, or sequence of events.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups to compare, complete or describe a picture.
- ❑ Respond with gestures or body language, such as using Total Physical Response (TPR) activities.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups to describe something or someone, such as a famous person, a mystery person, a suspect in a crime, their room at home, etc.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups to plan an event, such as a party, trip, meeting, etc.
- ❑ Work in pairs or in groups to do peer correction such as simple editing or improving a written presentation.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups on an Internet task such as a Web Quest.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups on the Internet to gather information for a presentation, such as a report on weather, current events, a famous person, etc.
- ❑ Work in pairs on dictation activities.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups to create a simple story or dialogue using pictures, realia, props, etc.
- ❑ Work in pairs or groups on a sequencing activity, such as retelling a story, putting sentences or pictures in order, creating a storyboard, filling in the “missing information”, etc.

Communication in the Interpretive Mode

- ❑ Complete a Cloze Text activity to indicate listening and/or reading comprehension.
- ❑ Work on a sequencing activity, such as reorganizing a story, putting sentences or pictures in order, creating a storyboard, filling in the “missing information” to indicate listening and/or reading comprehension.
- ❑ Take dictation.

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- ❑ Identify characters, main events, and essential details from a text or listening activity.
- ❑ Participate in a listening comprehension activity that requires problem-solving, such as reacting to a scenario by choosing the solution to the problem or possible courses of action.
- ❑ Listen to a passage and follow a map or diagram.
- ❑ Use a checklist during a listening activity to illustrate comprehension.
- ❑ Evaluate pictures and/or written descriptions based upon a reading or listening activity.
- ❑ Retell a simple story and/or event after having read or listened to a passage.
- ❑ Participate in a group activity that reflects comprehension of a reading or listening passage, such as Four Corners.
- ❑ Create a poster to illustrate something learned, using technology when appropriate.
- ❑ Match pictures with appropriate captions.
- ❑ Match reading passages with appropriate headlines and/or titles.
- ❑ Draw and/or label an illustration such as a house, clock or a map according to verbal or written cues.
- ❑ Match written questions with appropriate answers.

Communication in the Presentational Mode

- ❑ Write simple journal entries in present tense.
- ❑ Create a poster with captions that illustrates something learned, such as a family tree.
- ❑ Produce a simple brochure or schedule, using technology when appropriate.
- ❑ Write a short, simple story using technology when appropriate.
- ❑ Create a PowerPoint presentation that illustrates something learned.
- ❑ Develop a web page. Topics may include information about the target culture(s), foreign language programs, games, songs, art, etc.

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- ❑ Develop a Web Quest (inquiry-based activity).
- ❑ Create a game that illustrates something learned, using technology when appropriate.
- ❑ Create and present simple dialogues, skits, easy poems and/or songs.
- ❑ Create short video clips, such as simple commercials or short weather reports, etc.
- ❑ Develop and present a simple fashion show.
- ❑ Give short presentations on familiar topics.
- ❑ Describe a picture, person, object, route, etc.
- ❑ Give directions and/or create a “how to” list.
- ❑ Give a weather forecast or report.
- ❑ Compare and differentiate between pictures in a simple way.
- ❑ Present simple information gleaned from tables, maps, or graphs.
- ❑ Create and present a group-generated story based on written cues.

Cultural Perspectives, Practices and Products, Connections with Other Academic Disciplines, and Comparisons of Language and Culture

- ❑ Compile a directory of resource persons.
- ❑ Play games, such as Jeopardy, in the target language that incorporate cultural topics.
- ❑ Identify cultural differences such as animal sounds and onomatopoeia.
- ❑ Exchange video and/or audiotapes with a school in the target culture.
- ❑ Create and produce a simple skit or situational role-play that illustrates some aspect of the target culture.
- ❑ Produce crafts and/or artwork that are representative of the target culture(s).

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- ❑ Find cognates in culturally authentic materials.
- ❑ Illustrate proverbs, poems and idiomatic expressions, using technology when appropriate.
- ❑ Examine a culturally authentic object and relate its function.
- ❑ Prepare a collage based on a cultural theme such as dwellings, staple foods, clothing, etc.
- ❑ Research, plan and participate in a cultural event, such as foreign language festival, cultural celebrations or state conventions.
- ❑ Complete Venn diagrams, charts or graphs that identify and compare the elements of folktales, fairy tales, or legends of the cultures.
- ❑ Create and illustrate a folktale, fairy tale, or legend based on culturally appropriate themes.
- ❑ Create a chart comparing cultural products, practices and perspectives on current events.
- ❑ Examine school schedules that are typical of the target culture(s).
- ❑ Research airfares and hotel costs for a short trip to a country where the target language is spoken and prepare a simple budget.
- ❑ Compare advertisements or commercials for a given product.