



A small conversation

A small conversation

Sind Sie zum ersten Mal hier?

are you to-the first time here
Is this your first visit?

Sind Sie alleine?

are you alone
Are you alone?

Wir machen hier Urlaub

we make here holiday
We're on holiday here.

Ich bin mit Freunden zusammen hier.

I am with friends together here
I'm here with friends.

Ich bin hier zusammen mit meiner Frau/meinem Mann.

I am here together with my wife/my husband
I'm here with my wife/husband.

Gefällt es dir/Ihnen hier?

likes it to-you (familiar/polite) here
Do you like it here?

Wo kommt ihr her?/Woher kommt ihr?/ Von wo kommt ihr?

where come you (fam. pl.) from/where-from come you/where from where come you
Where are you from?/Where do you come from?



Ich komme aus Australien.

I come out Australia

I come from Australia.

Ich bin Engländer/Engländerin.

I am Englishman/Englishwoman

I'm English.

Ich bin aus Irland.

I am out Ireland

I'm from Ireland.

Meine Frau ist Amerikanerin.

my wife is Americanwoman

My wife's an American.

Welche Staatsangehörigkeit haben Sie?

which nationality have you

What's your nationality?

Was sind Sie von Beruf?

what are you of profession

What (work) do you do?

Ich bin Lehrer/ Lehrerin.

I am teacher (m/f)

I'm a teacher/I teach.

Ich bin Student/ Studentin.

I am student (m/f)

I'm a student.

*You can frequently
form the feminine in
this way by adding an
-in.*

Ich studiere noch.

I study still

I'm still studying (at university or college).



A small conversation

invitations

- You'll be struck by the spaciousness and even opulence of many German homes, no matter if it is a Neubau ("new building", built after WWII) or in Altbauten ("old buildings", built before the war) which mostly have been renovated expensively, since after WWII there were not many buildings left over in those beautiful architectural styles from past centuries. Germans love lots of plants, and the order and tidiness – Ordnung und Sauberkeit – is no mere cliché, in my experience even in student Wohngemeinschaften (literally: "living communities", but basically meaning "flat shares") or Studentenwohnheime ("halls of residence").*
- If you're invited to somebody's home for a meal, the following few items will come in handy:
- Guten Appetit!** *good appetite*
Enjoy your meal!
(French: Bon appetit!)
- Sehr lecker!** *very tasty*
Delicious!/Excellent!
- Wie schmeckt es?** *how tastes it*
How does it taste?
- Tu dir keinen Zwang an.** *do to-you no compulsion*
Don't stand on ceremony.
- Danke, ich schaffe nichts mehr.** *thanks, I manage nothing more*
Thanks, but I really couldn't manage it.
- Ich platze gleich.** *I burst immediately*
I'm stuffed to the gills, etc.
- Ich habe schon genug getrunken.** *I have already enough drunk*
I've had enough to drink, thanks.
- Ich muß noch fahren.** *I must still to-drive*
I still have to drive.



relations

das Ehepaar	married couple
der Ehemann/Mann	husband
die Ehefrau/Frau	wife
die Freundin	girlfriend
der Freund	boyfriend
der/die Verlobte	fiancée / fiancé
der Vater, Vati, Papa	father, dad, pop
die Mutter, Mutti, Mama	mother, mum, mom
der Bruder	brother
die Schwester	sister
die Geschwister	brothers and sisters
der Junge	boy
das Mädchen	girl
der Großvater, Opa, Opi	grandfather, grandad
die Großmutter, Oma, Omi	grandmother, grannie
die Tante – der Onkel	aunt – uncle
der Enkel	grandson
die Enkelin	granddaughter
der Neffe – die Nichte	nephew – niece
der Schwager	brother-in-law
die Schwägerin	sister-in-law

die Freundin *can also be a female friend*; der Freund *can also be a male friend*.

