

HELPING HANS UND HELGA WITH GERMAN

Strategies That Work

VOCABULARY:

- Organize Words by Category in your notebook.
- **USE FLASH CARDS**
- **USE NEW WORDS OFTEN**—in class and out of class.
- Always keep searching for new words in and out of class.
- **REVIEW OFTEN!**

GRAMMAR: Don't let yourself get behind!

- Encourage to ask for help early!

SPEAKING: NO FEAR!

- Prepare well before the class.
- Make all topics interesting for you!
- **USE THE LANGUAGE AT HOME**-ask them to teach you.

HOMEWORK: ENCOURAGEMENT

- Know what you are writing—It's not a puzzle!!!
- Spend time looking up words if necessary.
- **DO OWN HOMEWORK REGULARLY!**
- *Homework prepares for Quizzes, which prepare for tests.*

TEST PREPARATION:

- Use Review sheets!
- **STARTS WITH THE 1st CLASS OF THE UNIT!!!**

I am available after school every day for students that need help.

Encourage them to make use of this as necessary!

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MORE HINTS TO MAKE GERMAN EASIER

1. Always do your best to "figure out" before "looking up" or "giving up"!
2. Vocabulary learning is very personal. Always note ALL new vocabulary as it is learned! If you have to ask or look up a word, it's new to you and it is important to you. Write it down!
3. Communication situations should be retained and practiced over and over. Be ready for "pop" situation quizzes!
Learn how to survive in situations by using GERMAN!
4. Tests are always very focused. I will never try to trick anyone with something that you shouldn't know. Preparation for tests starts with day one of a unit. Since German is a building skill, once information is learned it MUST be retained.
Keep practicing and you will make fewer mistakes.
5. OVERLEARN material. Don't be satisfied with a simple "book knowledge" of what we cover. Make it second nature.
If it seems easy...you can probably do more.
6. There may be many ways to say things. Choose which way will be part of your personal vocabulary and recognize the others.
7. Above all...HAVE FUN! If you find an activity boring you should do something to make it interesting for you.

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A Final Note...

Hopefully you can see that I want you to learn German, and believe that you can!
Success rests on these questions...
How do you learn? It's *different* for everyone—respect that.
What does it mean to try?—It's the *same* for everyone here.
What's my role as a *teacher*?—To make it possible for all to understand and learn.
What's your role as a *student*?—To keep up and be faithful!