Goethe A2 Prüfung Guide

Schreiben, Sprechen and Wortschatz for Goethe A2 learners.

Goal of this guide	Prepare Goethe A2 writing, speaking and vocabulary with clear structures and practical model answers.

Goethe A2 focus Writing, speaking and everyday vocabulary.	**Two writing tasks** Short SMS/message and short email.
Three speaking parts Questions, personal talk and planning.	**Vocabulary system** Learn topic words with example sentences.

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Inside this guide

This guide helps you prepare for Goethe A2 with short sentences, simple strategies and German examples.

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Quick fact

The Goethe A2 model set checks Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. Speaking has three parts and writing includes two free-writing tasks.

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What examiners notice

For Goethe A2, your goal is not perfect German. Your goal is clear communication. The answer must fit the task.

Four skills The exam checks Lesen, Hören, Schreiben and Sprechen.	**Writing has two parts** You write a short SMS/message and a short email.
Speaking has three parts Ask personal questions, talk about your life, and plan something.	**A2 vocabulary** Focus on everyday words and useful sentence patterns.

Simple scoring mindset

Area	What this means	How to train
Content	You answer all task points.	Number the points before writing.
Text structure	Your text has greeting, reason, details and closing.	Use a simple email plan every time.
Register	The tone fits the person.	Choose informal or formal before writing.
Language	Grammar and word order are clear enough.	Use short sentences and safe connectors.
Correct details	Spelling, capital letters and punctuation are checked.	Leave two minutes for a final check.

Expert tip	Do not memorize one full answer only. Memorize flexible sentence blocks. Then change the names, places, times and reasons for each new task.

Goethe A2 scoring: what is enough to pass?

This is the part many learners want to know before they start practising. The Goethe-Zertifikat A2 has a maximum of 100 points. Each skill contributes up to 25 points.

Section	Maximum	How it counts
Lesen	25 points	20 raw items are converted to a maximum of 25 result points.
Hören	25 points	20 raw items are converted to a maximum of 25 result points.
Schreiben	25 points	The writing performance is assessed using defined criteria and converted to 25 result points.
Sprechen	25 points	The three speaking parts are assessed using defined criteria.
Total	**100 points**	**You need at least 60/100 overall, plus the minimums below.**

The two minimum thresholds you must remember

Written exam	Oral exam
Lesen + Hören + Schreiben: at least **45/75** points in total.	**Sprechen:** at least **15/25** points.

Important

Getting 60 points overall is not enough if one of these two minimum thresholds is missed. There is no separate published pass minimum for each of Lesen, Hören and Schreiben individually; the 45/75 rule applies to the written subtotal.

Simple examples: 48 written + 16 speaking = 64 total -> pass. 50 written + 14 speaking = 64 total -> fail, because Sprechen is below 15. 44 written + 20 speaking = 64 total -> fail, because the written subtotal is below 45.

Official basis: Goethe-Institut exam-results information and the current Goethe-Zertifikat A2 model set.

Goethe A2 Lesen - 30 minutes

Lesen is not a vocabulary test. It checks whether you can find the right information in everyday texts quickly and reliably. The official model set has four parts and 20 items in total.

Part	What you read / do	Teacher strategy
Teil 1	A media or newspaper-style text. 5 multiple-choice questions (a/b/c).	Read the questions first. Underline names, times, reasons and key facts. Do not translate every sentence.
Teil 2	An information board, programme or similar overview. 5 multiple-choice questions.	Scan, do not read line by line. Match the person's need to the correct place or category.
Teil 3	An email / correspondence. 5 multiple-choice questions.	Watch pronouns and time expressions. The answer is often paraphrased, not copied word for word.
Teil 4	Advertisements. Match 5 people/situations to suitable ads; one option may not fit.	Mark each person's must-have detail first: price, opening time, location, service or purpose.

Mini example - how to think

Situation

You need a place to print holiday photos today. In a department-store directory, look for **Fotoservice**, not for every word connected with cameras or electronics.

Exam routine: 1) read the question, 2) identify the information you need, 3) scan the text, 4) check one distractor, 5) choose and move on. If one question takes too long, mark it and return later.

Scoring: 20 items are converted to a maximum of 25 points. Lesen belongs to the written subtotal, where Lesen + Hören + Schreiben together must reach at least 45/75.

Goethe A2 Hören - 30 minutes

Hören has four parts and 20 items. You hear everyday audio such as radio items, conversations, voicemail messages, announcements and an interview. Some recordings are played twice; others are played once.

Part	Official task pattern	What to listen for
Teil 1	5 short texts, each played twice. Choose a, b or c.	Place, time, reason, instruction, number or result. Use the first listen for the situation and the second for confirmation.
Teil 2	One connected conversation, played once. Match information to pictures/text.	Follow the order of events. Focus on days, appointments and activities. Do not panic if you miss one word.
Teil 3	5 short conversations, each played once. Choose a, b or c.	Read the options before listening. Listen for the difference between what was planned and what actually happens.
Teil 4	One radio interview, played twice. Answer 5 true/false items.	First understand the topic and speakers. On the second listen, verify each statement carefully.

Mini example - numbers can be distractors

Listen for change

If you hear: “Der Termin war um 14 Uhr, aber wir treffen uns jetzt um 15:30 Uhr”, the correct time is **15:30**. The first number is old information.

Teacher tip: Before the audio starts, use every reading second. Look at the answer choices and predict what kind of information you need. During the audio, do not translate into your first language. Listen for meaning, signal words and changes such as *aber, doch, leider, jetzt, stattdessen*.

Scoring: 20 items are converted to a maximum of 25 points. Hören belongs to the same 45/75 written subtotal as Lesen and Schreiben.

Goethe A2 Schreiben

In writing, answer all three points. Keep to the word range and use the correct register.

Part	Length	Best structure
Teil 1	20-30 words	Apology or message + reason + new place/time.
Teil 2	30-40 words	Greeting + thank/answer + information + question + closing.

Schreiben Teil 1 model: SMS
Task: You are late. Apologize, explain why, suggest a new place and time. Write 20-30 words.

Model answer:
Liebe Lina, es tut mir leid, ich komme später. Mein Bus hat Verspätung. Treffen wir uns bitte um 15:30 Uhr vor dem Kino?

Why it works: It answers all three points in a short message.

Schreiben Teil 2 model: email
Task: Your boss invited you to a birthday party. Thank him, say you come, say you bring someone, ask for the way.

Model answer:
Sehr geehrter Herr Lehmann,

vielen Dank für Ihre Einladung. Ich komme sehr gern zu Ihrer Feier. Ich möchte meine Frau mitbringen. Können Sie mir bitte den Weg erklären?

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Omar Ali

Why it works: It uses formal register and covers all points.

Goethe A2 Sprechen

The speaking part has three tasks. Speak in simple sentences. Ask and answer clearly.

Part	What you do	Useful phrases
Teil 1	Ask and answer questions about personal topics.	Wann hast du Geburtstag? Wo wohnst du? Was ist dein Beruf?
Teil 2	Talk about your life from a card.	Ich gebe Geld für ... aus. Am Wochenende ...
Teil 3	Plan something with your partner.	Hast du am Samstag Zeit? Treffen wir uns um ...?

Purpose	German phrase	Use it for
Ask about time	Wann hast du Zeit?	Plan a meeting.
Ask about place	Wo treffen wir uns?	Find a place.
Accept	Ja, das passt gut.	Agree.
Decline	Leider kann ich nicht.	Reject politely.
Suggest	Vielleicht um 16 Uhr?	Give an alternative.
Finish	Gut, bis Samstag!	Close the plan.

Sprechen Teil 2 - use the card to talk about your life

In Teil 2, you receive one card with a central question and four prompts. You speak about yourself and your own life. The prompts are support points - they help you build a short, connected answer.

Example card from the adult exam format

Kleidung?

Lebensmittel, Miete?

Was machen Sie mit Ihrem Geld?

Sparen?

Reisen?

How to answer like a strong A2 candidate

1. Start directly	Answer the main question in one simple sentence.
2. Use the prompts	Say something about several prompts. You do not need a long speech, but give details instead of isolated words.
3. Connect ideas	Use simple links: *und, aber, weil, manchmal, meistens, am Wochenende*.
4. Make it personal	Add one reason, example, frequency or preference. This makes your answer sound natural and complete.

Model answer:
„Ich gebe mein Geld vor allem für Lebensmittel und Miete aus. Kleidung kaufe ich nicht so oft, vielleicht einmal im Monat. Ich versuche auch jeden Monat etwas zu sparen, weil ich im Sommer reisen möchte. Für Reisen gebe ich gern Geld aus, aber ich plane vorher genau.“

Avoid this Do not answer with only: „Kleidung. Essen. Sparen. Reisen.“ The examiner needs connected language, not a list of keywords.

Another possible card: “Was machen Sie oft am Wochenende?” with prompts such as Sport, jemanden besuchen, mit wem and wo. A safe structure is: main answer -> activity -> person -> place -> one extra detail.

Remember: The full speaking exam lasts about 15 minutes for two participants and contains three parts. Teil 2 is your short personal production; it is not a memorized presentation.

Goethe A2 vocabulary by topic

Do not try to learn every word. Learn useful groups and example sentences.

Topic	Words	Example sentence
Personal data	der Name, die Adresse, die Telefonnummer	Meine Telefonnummer ist ...
Time	morgen, gestern, heute, um 15 Uhr	Ich komme morgen um 15 Uhr.
City	der Bahnhof, die Haltestelle, das Kino	Wir treffen uns am Bahnhof.
Work	arbeiten, der Chef, die Kollegin	Mein Chef hat Geburtstag.
Shopping	kaufen, kosten, das Geschenk	Ich kaufe ein Geschenk für Patrick.
Food	das Brot, der Kuchen, das Wasser	Ich bringe Kuchen und Wasser mit.

Vocabulary tip

Learn nouns with articles: der Termin, die Einladung, das Geschenk. This helps you write more correctly.

Before you finish: checklist

Use this checklist before you submit a text or finish a speaking answer.

- I know the word limit for the writing tasks.
- I answer all three writing points.
- I choose formal or informal tone correctly.
- I can ask simple questions in speaking Teil 1.
- I can speak about my life in Teil 2.
- I can plan a time and place in Teil 3.

Remember

Goethe A2 rewards simple but complete communication. Do not use complex grammar if it creates mistakes.

7-day practice plan

Use this routine to build skill step by step. Keep each practice short, but repeat it often.

Time	Focus	Action
Day 1	Learn the exam parts	Read one model task. Mark what you must do.
Day 2	Build your phrase bank	Write 10 Redemittel on cards and say them aloud.
Day 3	Record or write one answer	Do not stop. Finish your answer in exam time.

Time	Focus	Action
Day 4	Correct one weak area	Check word order, verb position, articles or pronunciation.
Day 5	Train interaction	Ask two questions and react to two answers.
Day 6	Do a mini simulation	Use a timer and avoid notes after preparation.
Day 7	Review and repeat	Keep useful sentences. Replace weak sentences.

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