







- Talk a LOT! Talk to your teacher, your classmates, or the waiter at the restaurant. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice speaking.
- Repetition. Try to use what you learn in class right away, and use it regularly.
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes!** You WILL say things incorrectly in the beginning. It's all part of the learning process!
- **Practice, practice!** You can practice anytime, anywhere. Even if you are not reading, writing, or doing homework, you can make a conscious effort to practice.
  - Practice saying new words out loud
  - Find a German radio station or look for songs on YouTube
  - o Try watching a movie in German
  - Go to public events and experience the culture

Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!** Learning a new language opens up many new doors for both professional development and new social experiences. Take advantage of all the opportunities that this will bring your way!

## Here are a few free resources for practice:

- Websites
  - o BBC Languages: http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/
  - Deutsch-lernen: <a href="http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/learn-german-online/beginners/uebung2">http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/learn-german-online/beginners/uebung2</a> 1.php
  - German.net: <a href="http://german.net/exercises/">http://german.net/exercises/</a>
  - o Goethe Institut: https://www.goethe.de/prj/dfd/en/home.cfm
  - German Survival Phrases: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/german-survivalphrases/id289979079">https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/german-survivalphrases/id289979079</a>
  - o German slang podcast: <a href="http://pukkagerman.com/index.php">http://pukkagerman.com/index.php</a>
- Cell phone apps:
  - o **DuoLingo**
  - o **Babbel**