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ACCUSATIVE PREPOSITIONS

These prepositions always require the accusative case:

- bis
- durch
- für
- entlang
- gegen
- ohne
- um

Prepositions that sometimes require accusative and sometimes require dative are in the list „Two-Case Prepositions.“

LEVEL A1

BIS

Level: A1

„Bis“ comes before location and time expressions that don't have an article. If there's an article, there will also be another preposition. Then that preposition determines the case.

Examples:

- „**Bis Berlin** fahre ich mit dem Zug.“
- „Der Bus fährt **bis München**.“

With an article + another preposition::

- „Ich fahre **bis in die Innenstadt**.“ ← „in“ determines the case
- „Er bringt sie noch **bis zur Tür**.“ ← „zu“ determines the case



Warning!

„Bis“ can also be used as a conjunction, which has no influence on the case.

Example:

„Du darfst nicht raus, **bis** du deine Hausaufgaben fertig hast.“

Tip:

When „bis“ is related to a verb instead of a noun, it's being used as a conjunction.

LEVEL A2

DURCH

Level: A2

Examples:

- „Der Zug fährt **durch den Tunnel**.“
- „Ich gehe jeden Tag **durch den Wald** zu meiner Firma.“

**Warning!**

„Durch“ also has a meaning related to time. It always comes after the noun and is usually combined with „hin.“

Example:

„**Das ganze Jahr hindurch** hat er versucht, einen besseren Job zu finden.“

ENTLANG

Level: A2

The preposition „entlang“ can come before or after the noun. When the preposition comes first, genitive is used. When the noun comes first, accusative is used.

Examples:

- „Sie geht **den Fluss entlang**.“
but: „Sie geht **entlang des Flusses**.“
- „Ich laufe **die Straße entlang**.“
but: „Ich laufe **entlang der Straße**.“

FÜR

Level: A2

Examples:

- „Ich interessiere mich nicht **für Mathe**.“
- „**Für den Rest** des Tages habe ich frei!“

GEGEN

Level: A2

Examples:

- „Er ist **gegen den Baum** gefahren.“
- „Ihr spielt heute **gegen die beste Mannschaft** der Liga.“

OHNE

Level: A2

Examples:

- „**Ohne deine Hilfe** hätte ich das nicht geschafft.“
- „Sie können sich ein Leben **ohne ihre Kinder** nicht mehr vorstellen.“

**Warning!**

„Ohne“ can also be used as a conjunction, which means it doesn't affect the case.

It is used in „ohne dass“ or before an infinitive-clause.

Examples:

„Er hat die Prüfung bestanden, **ohne dass** er auch nur einmal dafür geübt hat.“

„Er hat die Prüfung bestanden, **ohne** auch nur einmal dafür **zu üben**.“

UM

Level: A2

„Um“ is often combined with „herum.“ „Um ... herum“ means that the action is occurring around the object, or that we're talking about an approximate period of time.

Examples:

- „Er dreht sich beim Salto drei Mal **um die eigene Achse**.“
- „**Um 19:30 Uhr** muss ich zu Hause sein.“

„um ... herum“:

- „**Um das Rathaus herum** findest du viele Parkhäuser.“
- „Alle 5 Jahre **um Ostern herum** treffen wir uns zu einem Klassentreffen.“

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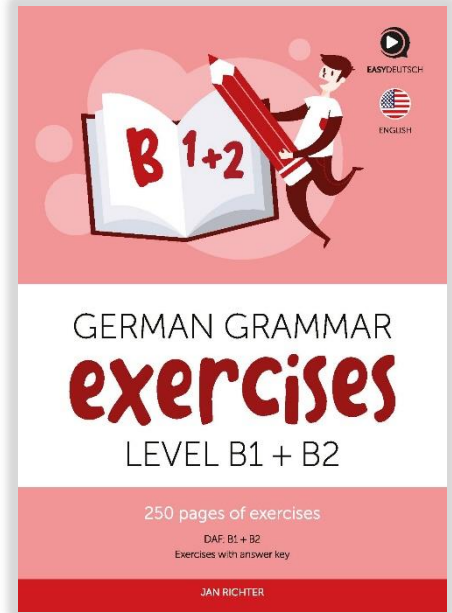
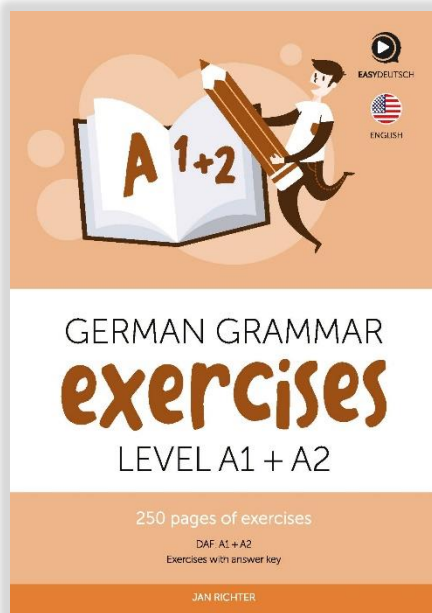
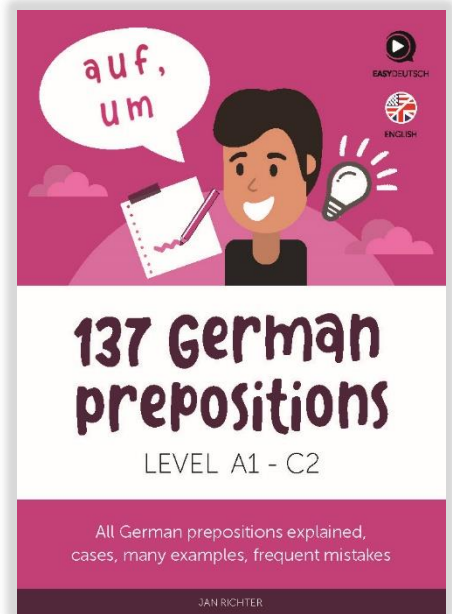
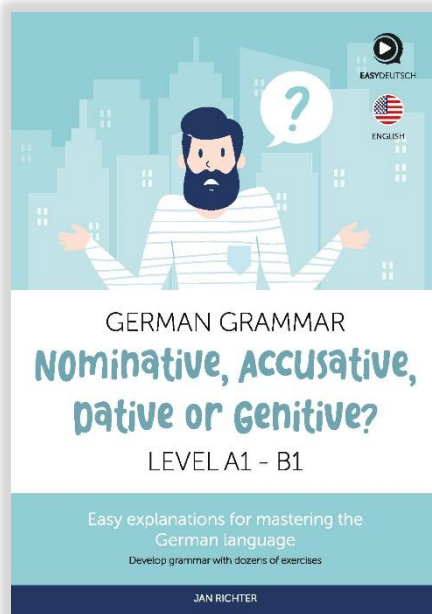
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