

More lessons like this one? Check out our Ebook:

EasyDeutsch - German Grammar Explained Easy! (Buy Now!)

More information about all our ebooks: easy-deutsch.com/shop/

BUY TOGETHER & SAVE MONEY

Deal: "Best Friends" - Explanations & Exercises

1. Ebook: EasyDeutsch - German Grammar - ([Preview](#)).
2. Ebook: DaF Grammar Trainer - ([Preview](#)).

~~34€~~

27€ - Buy Now! (Click)



Deal: 5+5+X - German Grammar-Superstar – 5 Ebooks for free!

1. **Ebook:** EasyDeutsch - German Grammar Explained Easy - ([Preview](#))
2. **Ebook:** DaF Grammar Trainer - 300 Exercises - ([Preview](#))
3. **Ebook:** 137 German Preposition - ([Preview](#))
4. **Ebook:** Intensive Trainer: German Prepositions - ([Preview](#))
5. **Ebook:** German Connectors - ([Preview](#))
6. **Ebook:** 40+ Grammar Lists - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
7. **Ebook:** German Cases? No Problem - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
8. **Ebook:** Intensive Trainer: German Cases - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
9. **Ebook:** Grammar Exercises: Level A1-A2 - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
10. **Ebook:** Grammar Exercises: Level B1-B2 - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))

~~219€~~

85€

Bonus X: Over 100 ready-to-teach/study grammar units on all topics of German grammar (A1-B2)

Perfect as homework or for self-learners! - FREE



Buy Now & Save Money! (Click)

VERBS L 16 – VERBS WITH COMPLEMENTS

BASIC INFO ABOUT COMPLEMENTS

Some conjugated verbs require complements for the sentence to be grammatically correct:

- Things that are required: **Complements**.
- Things that you can leave out: **Adjuncts**.

A complement is a part of the sentence that is grammatically required. The sentence is incomplete and does not make sense without it or has another meaning.

For example, every verb needs a subject. Therefore, the subject is always the nominative complement because the subject is grammatically required.

Only exception: commands do not always need subject complements: "Komm!"

Complements can be singular words, phrases, or entire clauses.

Complements are divided into the following groups:

1. **Nominative** Complements
2. **Accusative** Complements
3. **Dative** Complements
4. **Genitive** Complements (extremely rare)
5. **Prepositional** Complements



"Der Mann gibt dem Kind jetzt den Ball."



Nominative **Dative** Adjunct **Accusative**

→ "Der Mann", "dem Kind" and "den Ball" are complements. Without them, the sentence does not make sense at all.

→ "Jetzt" is an adjunct because it just provides additional information.

"Der Mann wartet mit einem Geschenk auf seine Tochter."

Nominative

**Prepositional
Adjunct**

**Prepositional
Adjunct**

→ "Der Mann" must be included in the sentence. Therefore, it is a complement.

→ "Mit einem Geschenk" and "auf seine Tochter" just provide additional information.

You can simply omit them.

You can find more information about complements in the following sub-lessons:

- L16.1 Verbs with Nominative Complements
- L16.2 Verbs with Accusative Complements
- L16.3 Verbs with Dative Complements
- L16.4. Verbs with Dative and Accusative Complements
- L16.5. Verbs with Genitive Complements
- L16.6. Verbs with Prepositional Complements

SUMMARY

- Complements are grammatically necessary parts of the sentence.
- Nevertheless, most of them can be omitted if it is obvious from the context.

TASK



- Review the cases if you are not sure about the use of nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive.

BEST FRIENDS

IF YOU WANT TO PRACTICE WHAT
YOU LEARN IN THIS EBOOK,
PLEASE CHECK OUT MY EBOOK:
DAF GRAMMAR TRAINER



IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT YET, GET IT ON
[SHOP.EASY-DEUTSCH.DE/ENGLISCH/](https://shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/)
THE DAF GRAMMAR TRAINER
PROVIDES YOU EXERCISES (A1-B2)
FOR EVERY TOPIC I EXPLAIN IN THIS
EBOOK.

DID YOU KNOW?

MOST EFFECTIVE TOGETHER

MASTER GERMAN GRAMMAR!

DO YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE
PUBLISHED 10 EBOOKS ABOUT
GERMAN GRAMMAR?

- You will find an ebook **for every key struggle** German learners may encounter.
- Improve your German language skills, **speak better German** and take the next step in life.
- You can have a look at the previews of all ebooks in my shop:
shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/.
- If you buy more than one ebook you can get a **discount**.
- **14-day money-back guarantee**

<https://shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/>

