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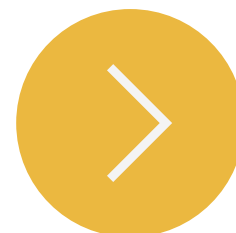
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DATIVE COMPLEMENTS

There are only a few verbs that use a dative suffix. When a verb has a dative complement, the direct object is in the dative case (not accusative). Only people, nouns, and pronouns can be dative complements.

EXAMPLES

- „Wem antwortet **sie**?“ – „**Sie** antwortet **ihrem Vater**.“
"ihrem Vater" → **"antworten"** has a dative complement → Even if it is the direct object; you have to use the dative case.



Advice:

You should memorize the verbs that use dative complements.
 There is no rule explaining all cases.
 Marking them with different colors will help you to memorize the cases.

„**Die Frau** hilft **dem Mann**.“

„**Ich** glaube **meinem Vater**.“

„**Die Hose** passt **mir** nicht.“



ATTENTION

Prepositions can replace the dative complement and form a prepositional complement.

„**Sie** antwortet auf die Frage **ihres Vaters**.“

WORD ORDER

Normal Sentence:

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
Ich	glaube	meinem Vater.
Meinem Vater	glaube	ich.

Yes / No – Question:

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
Glaube	ich	meinem Vater?

SUMMARY

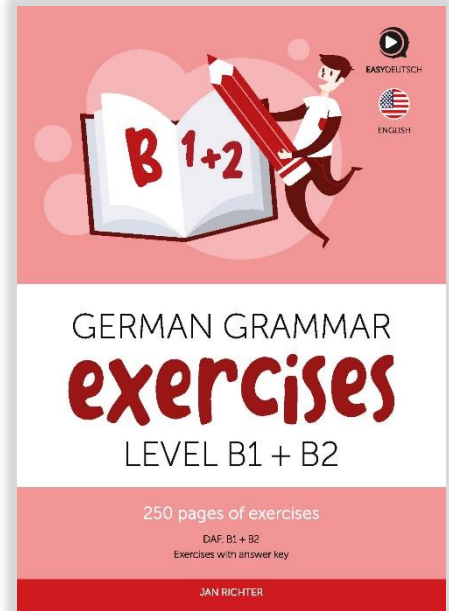
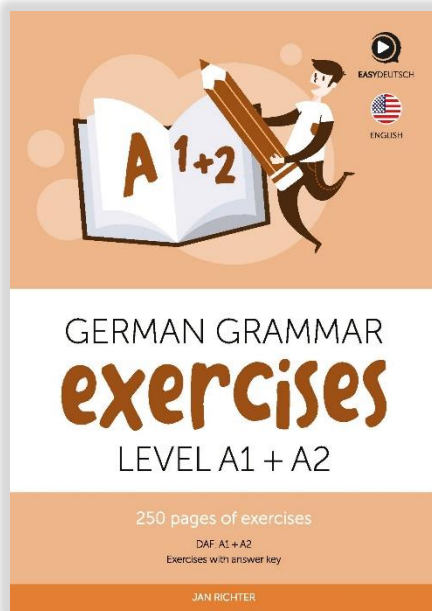
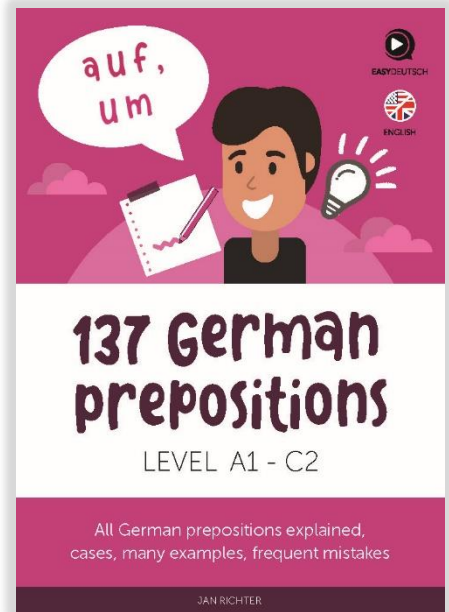
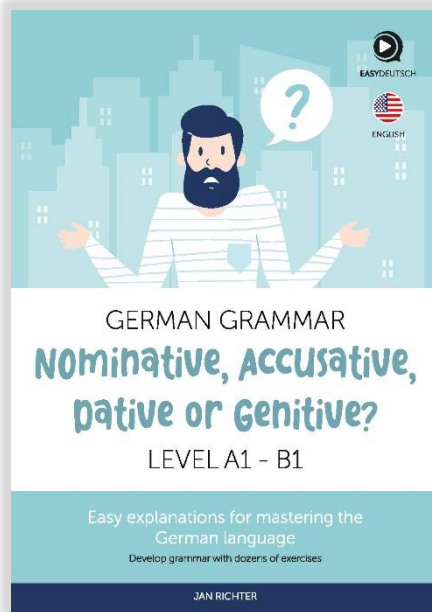
- A few verbs have a dative complement.
- There is no rule as to which verbs require a dative suffix. You just must know it.
- These verbs require the dative case for the direct object, but prepositions always change the rules.
- If there is a preposition in front of a noun, it is no longer an object, and the following rule applies. → The preposition always determines the case.

TASK



- Copy them and mark them RED as a visual sign for the dative case. Doing so will help you memorizing this detail!

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