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German is one of the major languages of Western culture. It is related to Dutch, English and the Scandinavian languages, and contains words of Latin, French and English origin.

In German, hard consonants are opposed to soft ones. Any infinitive or adjective can be transformed into a substantive. Two or more elements can be found together in a single compound word, in which case the determinant element precedes the determined element. New words can be formed by associating a particle with a verb or noun. Since it is always accented, the root of a word can be identified easily. Because of this root, word families play a very important role.

German has three genders and two numbers including seven possible indications of the plural, four cases of declension, a distinction between strong and weak verbs for conjugation and