

DEUTSCHES VERSPRECHEN / GERMAN PROMISE**What is the „German Promise?“****Ich verspreche, daß / I promise that**

1. you will be able to survive the first-24 hours in Germany.
2. you will learn Hochdeutsch / High German vocabulary, which includes synonyms, antonyms, idioms, dialect, and slang. That also includes multiple ways to express an answer, both grammatically and conversationally.
3. you will learn things which are not found in textbooks, in workbooks, or on language tapes.
4. you will see all the pictures I have collected and cultural notebooks made from my personal culture memorabilia, or I will attach it to an email for you.
5. If you put forth the effort and commit sufficient time to me, I will teach you everything I have learned in 30 years of teaching. That includes:
 - ✓ everything I have experienced in the classroom, living with an Austrian family in Salzburg, Austria, and from my travel experiences throughout the German-speaking countries;
 - ✓ everything I have read in German newspapers, magazines, and newsletters, or online websites;
 - ✓ hearing my personal stories and conversations with Hausfrauen, tour guides, and bus drivers.

(BEFORE) Beginning students, whatever level, will state their goal: “Why are you learning German?” They will complete a form on the first day of class and comment on that form on the last day of class.

(AFTER) If you reach your goal,

- ✓ you will have to give me a recommendation for my website;
- ✓ you will have to recommend to another student, that he/she should learn German;
- ✓ you will have to enroll in another “Have German Will Travel” course.

Each student will receive

- ★ a “Certificate of Achievement” (eine Ehrenurkunde);
- ★ a reference for a new or existing job;
- ★ a list of what you have learned.