

Learning Strategy – Vocabulary Flash Card Set

- One way to learn new vocabulary is to use a vocabulary flash card set.
- **You will need the following for your flash card set:**
 1. a box
 2. flash cards that fit in the box
 3. two divider cards (to divide the cards)
- Write the **German word** you want to learn on the **front** of the card. Write **as much information** about the word as you can, e.g. the article, the intonation, the plural form, the case that applies to it, etc. You can also make a drawing or list related words. You should always include a **sample sentence** with the word. You can add information about the word to the card as time passes. Put the translation of the information in your **native language** on the **back**.

Sample Cards:

<p>Front</p> <p><i>die Schwester, -n</i></p> <p><i>Sabines Schwester ist berufstätig.</i></p>
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<p>Back</p> <p><i>sister</i></p> <p><i>Sabine´s sister works for a living.</i></p>

<p>Front</p> <p><i>heißen</i></p> <p><i>Wie heißt du?</i> <i>Ich heiße Rosa.</i></p>

<p>Back</p> <p><i>be called</i></p> <p><i>What´s your name?</i> <i>My name is Rosa.</i></p>
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- You should divide the card set into three sections: put **new words** in the first section; the second section should be your **repeat section** and the words you know very well should be **arranged alphabetically** in your third section.
- Make a **study plan**. A study plan could look like the following. Learn new words every day. Then transfer these words to the repeat section. Review the repeat section words every three days. Each time you successfully recall a word, make a mark (e.g. a check mark) on the card. When the card has three check marks, transfer it to the third section. Then revise these words every fourteen days. If there is a word you don't remember, put it back in the repeat section.
- You can **learn with others** using your flash card set. For example, you and a partner can quiz one another. If you have a study group, you could have two groups quiz each other in a competition. The group that gets most words correct wins.