

UHG1003 German 1

Topic 3 *Personalpronomen und Konjugation*

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Personal pronouns and conjugation

- The aim of the third topic is to introduce students to the personal pronouns and to the verb conjugation in German.
- **Expected Outcome**
 - At the end of the third topic, students will know personal pronouns in German and they will be able to conjugate verbs.

Personalpronomen – personal pronouns

Singular	ich	I
	du	you (informal)
	er/sie/es	he/she/it
Plural	wir	we
	ihr	you
	sie/Sie	they/you (formal)

Konjugation – conjugation

German verbs (mostly) end with an **-en** postfix. When we conjugate a verb (“adjusting” it to the subject in the sentence – I, you...), we delete **-en** and add some extra letters to the verb stem. The following table shows this process for the verb **spielen** (‘to play’):

Singular	ich	I	spiel· e
	du	you (informal)	spiel· st
	er/sie/es	he/she/it	spiel· t
Plural	wir	we	spiel· en
	ihr	you	spiel· t
	sie/Sie	they/you (formal)	spiel· en

For the verb *trinken* ('to drink'):

Singular	ich	I	trink· e
	du	you (informal)	trink· st
	er/sie/es	he/she/it	trink· t
Plural	wir	we	trink· en
	ihr	you	trink· t
	sie/Sie	they/you (formal)	trink· en

For the verb **heißen** ('to be called'):

Singular	ich	I	heiß· e
	du	you (informal)	heiß· t
	er/sie/es	he/she/it	heiß· t
Plural	wir	we	heiß· en
	ihr	you	heiß· t
	sie/Sie	they/you (formal)	heiß· en

Please note that due to the 'sharp s' β (~[s:] in pronunciation) at the very end of the verb stem, **heißen** ('to be called') does not receive **-st** in second person singular, but a **-t** only.

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