

# UHG1003 German 1

## Topic 10 *Stammvokalveränderung*

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# *Stem vowel change*

- The aim of the tenth topic is to introduce students to the problem of stem vowel change in German verbs.
- Expected Outcome
  - At the end of the tenth topic, students will know how to conjugate verbs with stem vowel change in German.

# *Stammvokalveränderung – Stem vowel change*

In German, there is a group of verbs that changes the stem vowel in second and third person singular. There are two types of change:

- 1) 'a' changes to 'ä'
- 2) 'e' changes to 'i' or to 'ie'

This rule does not apply to all the verbs with 'a' or 'e' in their stem though!

# Stammvokalveränderung – Stem vowel change

Example for 'e'-'i' change: essen

ich esse

wir essen

du isst

ihr esst

er/sie/es isst

sie/Sie essen

Example for 'a'-'ä' change: schlafen

ich schlafe

wir schlafen

du schläfst

ihr schlaft

er/sie/es schläft

sie/Sie schlafen

# Stammvokalveränderung – Stem vowel change

Some verbs of this sort:

'e'-'i' change		'a'-'ä' change	
fressen	to feed	fahren	to travel
messen	to measure	fallen	to fall
brechen	to break	waschen	to wash
lesen (‘e’ to ‘ie’!)	to read	tragen	to carry

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