

Deutsch Year 4 Unit 3: Geburtstage und Ordinalzahlen (Birthdays and ordinal numbers)

Grammar Point - Building ordinal numbers

13 - dreizehn	23 - dreiundzwanzig
14 - vierzehn	24 - vierundzwanzig
15 - fünfzehn	25 - fünfundzwanzig
16 - sechzehn	26 - sechsundzwanzig
17 - siebzehn	27 - siebenundzwanzig
18 - achtzehn	28 - achtundzwanzig
19 - neunzehn	29 - neunundzwanzig
20 - zwanzig	30 - dreißig
21 - einundzwanzig	31 - einunddreißig
22 - zweiundzwanzig	32 - zweiunddreißig

Note: Numbers 4 to 19 add 'ten', after that add '-sten' to the cardinal number to build the ordinal number.

Other words you might need...

Wer soll was bekommen?	Who is going to get what?
eine schwere Frage	A tough question
Franzi möchte Bücher haben.	Franzi would like to have books.
Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag!	Happy birthday
Lieber (Jungenname)	Dear (boy's name)
Liebe (Mädchenname)	Dear (girl's name)

Key vocabulary/phrases

Wo ist Felix?	Where is Felix?
Felix hat heute Geburtstag.	It's Felix's birthday today.
Wann hast du Geburtstag?	When is your birthday?
Mein Geburtstag ist am neunzehnten Januar.	My birthday is on the 19th January.
Mein Geburtstag ist am einundzwanzigsten Januar.	My birthday is on the 21st January.
Am ersten Mai..	On the first of May..
Am zweiten April..	On the second of April..
Am dritten Juni..	On the third of June..
Am siebten..	On the seventh..
Am dreizehnten/ierzehnten..	On the thirteenth/fourteenth..
Am zwanzigsten..	On the twentieth..

Key vocabulary

das Fahrrad	The bike
das Spiel	The game
Kinotickets	Cinema tickets
Bücher	Books
Die Oma	The granny
Der Opa	The grandpa
Die Tante	The aunty
Der Onkel	The uncle
Der Geburtstagskalender	The calendar for birthdays
Nicht vergessen	Do not forget
Höher	Higher
Niedriger	lower
Der Klebezettel	Post-it note

Cultural Aspect—Family birthday calendar

A German tradition is to have a birthday calendar which is normally hanging up in many German houses to serve as a reminder of important family birthdays. It is also a tradition to phone family members on their birthdays to wish them a happy birthday. You may find that this is one of your family traditions, too.

