

So sagt man das!

Asking someone's age and giving yours

To find out how old someone is, you might ask:

Wie alt bist du?

Bist du schon fünfzehn?
Are you already 15?

Wie alt ist der Peter?

Und die Monika? Ist sie auch fünfzehn?

You might get responses like these:

Ich bin vierzehn Jahre alt.
I am 14 years old.
Ich bin vierzehn.
Vierzehn.

Nein, ich bin vierzehn.

Er ist fünfzehn.

Ja, sie ist auch fünfzehn.

Can you identify the verbs in the different examples?¹
Why do you think the verbs change?²



Wortschatz

Do you remember the numbers you learned in the Vorschau?

0 null	1 eins	2 zwei	3 drei	4 vier	5 fünf
6 sechs	7 sieben	8 acht	9 neun	10 zehn	11 elf
12 zwölf	13 dreizehn	14 vierzehn	15 fünfzehn	16 sechzehn	17 siebzehn
18 achtzehn	19 neunzehn	20 zwanzig			



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15 Wie alt?



Zuhören Holger wants to get to know his new classmates, so he asks Ahmet how old everyone is. Listen to their conversation and write down the ages of the students below.

Handan: ===== Ahmet: ===== Renate: ===== Jens: =====

16 Wir stellen vor *Introducing*



Sprechen Ask your partner's name and age and then introduce him or her to the rest of the class.

1. The verbs are **bist**, **bin**, **ist**. 2. The verbs change because the subjects of the sentences change.

Subject pronouns and the verb **sein** (to be)

The phrases **ich bin**, **du bist**, **er ist**, **sie ist**, and **sie sind** each contain a subject pronoun corresponding to the English *I, you, he, she, and they*, and a form of the verb **sein** (to be): *I am, you are, he is, she is, they are*. **Sein** is one of the most frequently used verbs in German.*

Ich	bin	dreizehn.
Du	bist	auch dreizehn.
Karola	}	ist vierzehn.
Sie		
Jens	}	ist sechzehn.
Er		
Ahmet und Holger	}	sind sechzehn.
Sie		



Mehr Grammatikübungen
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17 Grammatik im Kontext



Zuhören Listen to the following sentences and determine if Ulrike is talking about herself, about one other person, or about more than one person.

	about self	about one person	about more than one person
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2			

18 Grammatik im Kontext

Lesen/Schreiben Fill in the missing forms of **sein** in this conversation between Ahmet and Holger.

HOLGER Sag mal, wie alt 1 du?

AHMET Ich 2 16.

HOLGER Du 3 16? Ich auch. Und wie alt 4 Tara und Jens?

AHMET Tara 5 14, und Jens 6 16.

19 Wie alt sind die Jungen und Mädchen?

Sprechen Say who these people are and how old they are.



Steffi, 15



Melanie und Katja, 16



Björn, 16



Karola, 14

20 Zum Schreiben



Schreiben You are preparing for a conversation with an exchange student from Germany. Write in German the questions you want to ask in order to find out the student's name and age. Then write how you would answer those questions yourself.

*There are three other forms of **sein** you will learn about and practice later: **wir sind** (we are), **ihr seid** (you are, plural) and **Sie sind** (you are, formal).

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Lesen/Schreiben The **Bundesrepublik Deutschland** (*Federal Republic of Germany*) is made up of **Bundesländer** (*federal states*). Each **Bundesland** has a **Hauptstadt** (*capital*) and its own regional government. The **Bundesrepublik Deutschland** is abbreviated **BRD**.

- How many **Bundesländer** are there? Make a list of them.
- Write the **Hauptstadt** beside the name of each **Bundesland**.
- Which **Bundesland** borders Switzerland? Austria?
- What are the **Hauptstädte** of Switzerland and Austria?

