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**Level 0** – 26th March 2026

## Germany wants workers from India

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-0.html>

Germany cannot find enough skilled people to work. Older workers are retiring and there are fewer babies. There are thousands of job vacancies. Germany wants to fix this problem with Indian workers. India has 600 million people below the age of 25. Germany needs engineers, factory workers, nurses and IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It makes famous cars. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. It has made it easier for Indians to get work visas. However, businesses need more workers. Indian employment experts are helping young Indians to find work in Germany.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-launches-alliance-to-fairly-recruit-skilled-workers/a-76461953>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3wlww83yv4o>  
<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/why-indian-talent-is-in-high-demand-as-germany-struggles-with-workforce-shortages-11253593>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Older workers              | a. age of 25       |
| 2. There are thousands of job | b. are retiring    |
| 3. Germany wants to fix       | c. professionals   |
| 4. India has 600 million      | d. workers         |
| 5. below the                  | e. people          |
| 6. Germany                    | f. vacancies       |
| 7. factory                    | g. needs engineers |
| 8. IT                         | h. this problem    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Germany is Europe's   | a. experts         |
| 2. It makes famous       | b. a leader        |
| 3. Germany is also       | c. services        |
| 4. renewable             | d. for Indians     |
| 5. financial             | e. largest economy |
| 6. It has made it easier | f. to find work    |
| 7. employment            | g. cars            |
| 8. helping young Indians | h. energy          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-0.html>

Germany (1) \_\_\_\_\_ skilled people to work.

Older workers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ there are fewer babies. There are thousands (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Germany (4) \_\_\_\_\_ this problem with Indian

workers. India has 600 million people

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ of 25. Germany needs engineers,

factory workers, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ professionals.

Germany is (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It makes famous

cars. Germany is also (8) \_\_\_\_\_ renewable

energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. It has

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ for Indians to

(10) \_\_\_\_\_. However, businesses need more

workers. Indian employment (11) \_\_\_\_\_

young Indians to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Germany.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WORKERS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about workers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

