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**Level 1** – 26th March 2026

## Germany wants workers from India

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-1.html>

Germany does not have enough workers. Older workers are retiring and couples are having fewer babies. There are thousands of job vacancies. Germany needs 288,000 foreign workers a year. It wants to fix this problem by getting workers from India. India has 600 million people below the age of 25. Germany needs engineers, healthcare workers, and factory workers. It also needs thousands of nurses and IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It makes some of the world's most popular cars. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. Germany has increased the number of visas for Indians from 20,000 a year to 90,000. However, many businesses need more workers. An employment expert said India has many extra workers. She is helping many young Indians to find work in Germany.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-launches-alliance-to-fairly-recruit-skilled-workers/a-76461953>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Germany does not have      | a. vacancies      |
| 2. Older workers are          | b. age of 25      |
| 3. couples are having fewer   | c. retiring       |
| 4. There are thousands of job | d. professionals  |
| 5. It wants to fix            | e. enough workers |
| 6. people below the           | f. of nurses      |
| 7. It also needs thousands    | g. babies         |
| 8. IT                         | h. this problem   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Germany is Europe's largest | a. popular cars         |
| 2. the world's most            | b. increased the number |
| 3. a leader in renewable       | c. services             |
| 4. financial                   | d. expert               |
| 5. Germany has                 | e. workers              |
| 6. many businesses need more   | f. economy              |
| 7. an employment               | g. Indians              |
| 8. She is helping many young   | h. energy               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany does (1) \_\_\_\_\_ workers. Older workers are retiring and couples are (2) \_\_\_\_\_. There are thousands of job vacancies. Germany needs 288,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ year. It wants to fix this problem by (4) \_\_\_\_\_ India. India has 600 million people below (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Germany needs engineers, healthcare workers, and factory workers. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of nurses and IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's most popular cars. Germany is also (8) \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. Germany has increased the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for Indians from 20,000 a year to 90,000. However, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ more workers. An employment expert said India (11) \_\_\_\_\_ workers. She is helping many young Indians to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Germany.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WORKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage-4.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) \_\_\_\_\_

