#### Year 9 Languages Revision Programme 2013

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## **Numbers**

You can't get out of learning numbers. They're just too darned useful.

## Learn the numbers — die Zahlen

1 to 10

Go over these numbers <u>again and again</u> till you've got them all <u>memorised</u>. Try counting up to "zehn" on your <u>fingers</u>. When you can do that, count <u>backwards</u> from "zehn" to "eins".

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 eins zwei drei vier fünf sechs sieben acht neun zehn

11 to 20

The words for 13 to 19 all mean "three-ten" etc.

Watch out for 16 and 17 — they're "sechzehn" and "siebzehn".

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 elf zwölf dreizehn vierzehn fünfzehn sechzehn siebzehn achtzehn neunzehn zwanzig

20 to 100

Most "ten-type" numbers are pretty easy — they're "four + zig" (vierzig), "five + zig" (fünfzig) etc. The odd ones out are "zwanzig", "dreißig", "sechzig" and "siebzig".

20 30 50 60 70 80 90 100 dreißia zwanzig vierzia fünfzig sechziq siebzia achtzig neunzia hundert

The in-betweens

The in-betweeners are backwards — say "two and twenty", not "twenty-two".

21 einundzwanzig, 22 zweiundzwanzig, 23 dreiundzwanzig, 24 vierundzwanzig...

## Add "te" to a number to get fourth, fifth etc...

Just get the number and bung on "te". You need these for saying "third of November", "first on the left" etc.

NUMBER + "te"

EXAMPLES: zweite vierte fünfte

2nd 4th 5th

1st, 3rd & 7th are a bit different:

erste dritte siebte

1st 3rd 7th

When you use these words to describe other words, e.g. "the <u>first</u> bicycle" add <u>r</u> for "der" words, and <u>s</u> for "das" words. See p.60.

For numbers from 20 to 100, add "ste", e.g. zwanzigste, einundreißigste.

### <u>Learn your numbers — but don't go in-zehn...</u> (ho ho)

There are no shortcuts here — you just have to say the numbers to yourself over and over again.

## Times and Dates

You don't just get to <u>learn</u> numbers — you actually get to <u>use</u> them.

This page is on times and dates. Read, learn, <u>enjoy</u>.

#### Learn all the clock times

1) THE O'CLOCKS

sieben Uhr seven o'clock

ein Uhr one o'clock

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For one o'clock, you say "ein" (not "eins").

NB — Germans use the 24 hour clock a lot. 4am is 04:00 — <u>vier Uhr</u>. 4pm is 16:00 — <u>sechzehn Uhr</u>.

from p.1 for different times.

2) OUARTER TO and OUARTER PAST

Swap this for any number

Viertel vor sieben

Viertel nach sieben

quarter past seven

You don't need to say "Uhr".

3) MINUTES TO and MINUTES PAST

fünf vor sieben five to seven

fünf nach sieben five past seven

You don't need say
"Uhr" for these
ones either.

Swap "fünf" for any number you want from p.1

4) HALF PAST TO

halb sieben

(i.e. half past six)

halb acht half to eight (i.e. half past seven) Weird this one — "halb sieben" means half <u>to</u> seven, i.e. half past six.

Don't get caught out.

5) AT + TIME

um sieben Uhr at seven o'clock

#### What time is it? — Wie spät ist es?

THE QUESTION:

**THE ANSWER:** 

Wie viel Uhr ist es? OR Wie spät ist es?

What time is it?

Es ist + TIME

EXAMPLE:

Es ist drei Uhr.

It's three o'clock

## Other times — today, tomorrow, evening...

Learn these words for chunks of time. They're useful for saying roughly when things happen.

gestern vesterday

> heute today

morgen tomorrow der Tag

die Woche week der Monat

das Jahr year das Wochenende weekend

der Morgen morning der Nachmittag afternoon der Abend evening die Nacht night

#### Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow...

That "half to seven" stuff is weird, but it really is how you do it in German. Have you ever seen Hunt for Red October? That had something to do with half-past in it, something about driving a submarine. But nothing to do with German, they were Russians. Even Sean Connery. How does he get away with it?

## Times and Dates

More vocab on times and dates.

The days and months aren't too bad — they're not that different to the English names.

### Months of the year

Learn them in these groups of four.

They look pretty much like the English months — but look closely at the spellings.





















"It looks to me like the 'P' in April is a little higher off the line."



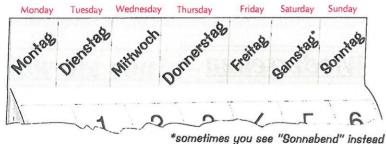






## The days of the week

Seven days, seven bits of vocab...



To say, e.g. "on Monday", you put "am" + the day:

Gehen wir am Montag. Let's go on Monday.

To say, e.g. "on Mondays", you put the day with small capital letter and add "s":

Ich schlafe montags. I sleep on Mondays.

## Talking about dates

You need dates for booking holidays (p.49) and saying when your birthday is (p.9). Read on...

Start off with "am". Then get the word for "first", "second" etc. from the bottom of p.1 and add "n". (The "n" is because it's dative, see p.59 if you're interested.)

am neunten April on the ninth of April

am zwölften August on the twelfth of August

If you want to do a date that's "20th" or above, don't forget the extra "s":

> am zwanzigsten Mai on the twentieth of May

#### I like fresh dates, but the dried ones are awful...

Write out the days and months in English and translate them — then translate them back. Do the same with them in a random order — this'll make sure you really know each of 'em, not just the list.

## **Your Details**

Old joke: "Me, me, me, me, me. Anyway, I've talked enough about me — what do you think of me?"

# 1 Talking about yourself — facts and figures

You need to know these <u>four questions</u>, and how to <u>answer</u> them. Customise the answers to fit <u>you</u>, by changing the <u>underlined</u> bits.

THE QUESTIONS:

THE ANSWERS:

Which one's Sheila?

What are you called? Wie heißt du?

Ich heiße Sheila. I'm called Sheila.

How old are you? Wie alt bist du?

Ich bin vierzehn Jahre alt. I'm fourteen.

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When is your birthday?

Wann hast du Geburtstag?

Ich habe am <u>vierten Juli</u> Geburtstag.

My birthday is 4th July.

For more numbers and dates, see p.1-3.

What do you like? Was magst du?

Ich mag Schokolade. I like chocolate.

For other ways of saying what you like and don't like see p. 53.

# 2 Say what you look like

Eyes, hair, height, glasses - GO GO GO:

YES

Ich habe grüne Augen.

I have green eyes.

green: grüne

blue: blaue

brown: braune

HEIGHT

Ich bin Klein. I am short.

small: klein tall: groß

fat: dick thin: dünn

medium height: mittelgroß

HAIR

blonde: blonde black: schwarze

brown: braune

short: kurze

Ich habe blonde Haare. I have blonde hair.

shoulder-length: schulterlange

quite long: relativ lange

red: rote

LASSES

I wear glasses:

Ich trage eine Brille. I don't wear glasses:

Ich trage keine Brille.



# 3 Describe your personality

Ich bin...

fleißig hardworking faul lazy

sportlich sporty
schüchtern shy

nett nice



fig 9.1: Sporty Austrians. Strangely disturbing.

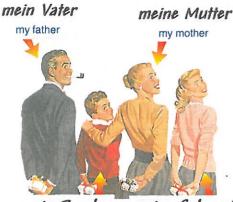
## If you're a sheep, just talk about ewe...

It's all great stuff for a <u>first letter</u> to a <u>penpal</u>. If your hair's a <u>weird colour</u> like green, there are more colours on p.32. Make sure you learn the <u>birthday</u> bit, or there's no way of dropping hints. <u>No hints</u> = <u>no cake</u>.

# Your Family

A lot of these German words sound a bit like the English. Try stuffing plums in your mouth, then saying the words out loud. Remember: plums + English = German.

## Use these words for your friends and family



mein Bruder my brother

meine Schwester my sister

STEP STUFF

mein Stiefvater my stepfather

meine Stiefmutter my stepmother

mein Stiefbruder my stepbrother

meine Stiefschwester my stepsister



mein Freund my friend (male)

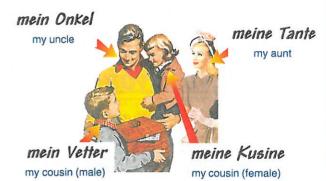
meine Freundin

my friend (female)



my grandfather

my grandmother



## Say what your family and friends are like

Use these phrases to describe your friends and family (swap Bruder/Schwester for anything you want). The phrases are slightly different for lads or lasses (see those underlined bits) so I've written them out twice.

#### PHRASES ABOUT LADS

= Ich habe einen Bruder. a brother.

Mein Bruder heißt John.

= My brother is called John.

PHRASES ABOUT LASSES

Ich habe <u>eine</u> Schwester. = I have a sister.

Meine Schwester heißt Louise.

= My sister is called Louise.

He's eleven years old. = Er ist elf Jahre alt.

Sie ist elf Jahre alt. = She's eleven years old.

He's nice. = Er ist nett.

If you're an only child, say "Ich bin ein Einzelkind" = I am an only child.

Sie ist nett. = She's nice.

#### Spot the chestnuts...

Alright, test yourself — write this out in German: "I have an aunt. My aunt is called Heidi. She's thirty-five years old. She's nice". The answer's on p.18 — if you didn't get it 100% right, try again.

Section 2 — You, Family and Home

## Pets and Animals

If you don't have a pet, you could just pretend you do. It might be a lie, but it'll help you learn German.

### Learn the pets — die Haustiere

Don't just learn each animal name, learn if it's der, die or das as well.



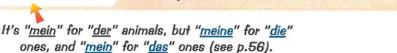
### 1 have a hamster — Ich habe einen Hamster

You need to <u>understand</u> people talking about <u>their pets</u>, and talk about <u>yours</u> if you have one. I've used "Hamster" as an example — swap in the animal word for the pet you want to talk about.

1) Ich habe einen Hamster. = I have a hamster.

It's "einen" for "der" animals, but "eine" for "die" ones, and "ein" for "das" ones (see p.58).

2) Mein Hamster heißt "Killer". = My hamster is called "Killer".



3) Ich habe Keine Haustiere.

= I don't have a pet.



#### My dog's got no nose. How does it smell? Awful...

Just thinking about point 4) over there on the right... If you want to go into more fascinating detail about your pet, see: p.9 for "small"; p.32 for other colours; p.9 for personality types. Great.

## **Your Home**

What a corker, eh. Rooms come up all over the place. Furniture's a bit more specialised, but you still need it.

### Talk about the rooms in your house — die Zimmer

['das Zimmer' = room]



das
Wohnzimmer
living room



das Schlafzimmer bedroom



das
Badezimmer
bathroom



*die Küche* kitchen



das
Esszimmer
dining room



der Garten garden

#### At home — zu Hause

THE QUESTION:

Was für ein Haus hast du? = What's your house like?

THE ANSWERS:



"Zu Hause gibt es fünfhundert Zimmer."



Change the <u>underlined</u> bits so they match <u>your</u> home. See p.1 for more numbers.

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Zu Hause gibt es fünf Zimmer. OR Zu Hause gibt es eine Küche und zwei Schlafzimmer.

= In my home, there are five rooms.

= In my home, there is a kitchen and two bedrooms.

The bit after "es gibt/ gibt es" is accusative, so it's einen for "der" words, eine for "die", and ein for "das" words (see p.58).

## Talk about the furniture — die Möbel



das Bett bed



das Sofa



*der Stuh* chair



*der Tisci* table



der Schrank cupboard



der Kleiderschrank wardrobe

#### In your room — In deinem Schlafzimmer

Learn this <u>question</u>, and how to <u>answer</u> it. <u>Change</u> the <u>underlined bit</u> to make it match <u>your</u> room — choose from the furniture above. And remember — <u>einen</u> for "der", <u>ein</u> for "das" words, and <u>eine</u> for "die" words.

THE QUESTION:

Was für Möbel gibt es in deinem Schlafzimmer?

= What furniture is there in your bedroom?

THE ANSWERS:

Es gibt ein Bett und ein Stuhl.

= There is a bed and a chair.

#### Sofa so good...

See the pics of rooms at the top? Use them to test if you've learnt the vocab — use strips of paper to cover up the German, then from the pictures, write down the German names for the rooms.

# Where You Live

This is describing whereabouts your home is. It's all good Key Stage Three German stuff...

## Tell them where you live — Ich wohne...

(1) Say if you live in a flat or a house...

Ich wohne in... Ich lebe in...

I live in...

...einer Wohnung

...a flat



...einem Haus ...a house



2 ... and if you live in a village, town or city.

Ich wohne in ... I live in ...

...einem Dorf ...a village

...einer Stadt

...einer Großstadt

...a town

... a big town / city





Ich lebe auf dem Land. I live in the countryside.



Ich wohne in den Bergen. I live in the mountains.



Ich wohne am Meer I live at the seaside.

(3) Work out the version of this phrase that you need, and learn it off by heart.

I live in Oxford, a town in the south of England.

Ich wohne in Oxford, einer Stadt in Südengland.

Put the name of where you live in here.

einem Dorf a village

einer Stadt a town einer Großstadt

a big town/city

Choose the right compass bit from the right. Then add on your country, to make

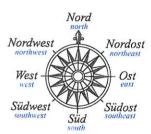
one big word.

Schottland Scotland

Wales Wales

Nordirland Northern Ireland

COMPASS DIRECTIONS



## Do you like living here? — Lebst du gern hier?

Saying what you think about where you live is just what you need to get your German to a higher level.

Ich lebe gern hier I like living here



... weil es fantastich ist.

.because It's fantastic.

interessant interesting

ruhig quiet

Ich lebe nicht gern hier

I don't like living here



... weil es furchtbar ist. ... because it's terrible.

langweilig boring

zu ruhig too quiet

### Ich lebe "gern" hier — nothing to do with pulling faces...

Presumably, at least someone in your class lives in the same place as you. You should get the same thing for the sentence in number 3. Work it out for yourself with this page, then check with someone else. If you wrote different things, something's gone Pete Tong — ask teach.

# **Daily Routine**

Here's a page about daily routine. It's got daily routine on it. If you want daily routine, this is your page...

## Daily routine — say what you do

You need to know all these bits. Take them one at a time, read them carefully and check out the spellings.





#### <u>Homework, hmm — great...</u>

You're in luck — you can check you've got it all sussed by <u>covering up</u> the words with a piece of paper, and next to each picture write out the <u>German phrase</u> to go with it. Then check you got them <u>all right</u>. If you didn't, read through it all, then <u>try again</u>. Keep going till you get them <u>all</u>.

## Chores

Chores a-plenty, yessiree. For some reason, you have to talk about what chores you do at home. This stuff is good for offering to help as well (see p.7).

### Learn the nine chores

Not that "doing nothing" really counts as a chore. Pity.

#### Machst du Hausarbeit?

Do you do any housework?

I wash the dishes.

Ich spüle.



I clean.

Ich putze.



I do the vacuum cleaning.

Ich sauge Staub.



I make my bed.



Ich mache mein Bett.

I don't do anything.



Ich mache nichts.



I tidy my room.

Ich räume mein Zimmer auf.



I wash the car.

Ich wasche das Auto.

I lay the table.



Ich decke den Tisch.

I go shopping.



Ich gehe einkaufen.

#### Housework, hmm — fab...

Well, it could be worse. You could have to get the water from a well at the top of the hill, and scrape the fire clean with a badger. Or whatever they did in the old days.

# School Subjects

School — it's a funny old place really. All teachers and pupils and lessons. Now, beaches — they're more sandu, with sea all down one side. Yep, school isn't the beach.

## School subjects — die Schulfächer

Learn all these subjects so you can say what you do. Tackle them one group at a time.

#### SCIENCE

die Naturwissenschaft science



#### NUMBERS & STUFF

die Mathe (matik) maths die Informatik



#### HUMANITIES

die Geschichte



die Erdkunde / die Geografie geography

die Reli(gion)

religious studies

Say what you do. It's just "ich lerne" + subject:

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

der Sport PE



#### ART & MUSIC

die Kunst art die Musik music



#### LANGUAGES

das Englisch English

das Deutsch German das Französisch French

das Spanisch Spanish

Ich lerne Deutsch. I study German.

# My favourite subject — mein Lieblingsfach

Raise your German level a ton by giving opinions about your subjects. For more on opinions see p.53.

SUBJECT + "ist mein Lieblingsfach"



Musik ist mein Lieblingsfach. Music is my favourite subject.



Ich mag Geschichte. I like history.

Ich hasse Geschichte. I hate history.



Remember, it's "er" for "der" words, "sie" for "die" words, "es" for "das" words (see p.57).

... weil er/sie/es einfach ist.

...because it's easy.

interesting: interessant boring: langweilig

easy: einfach difficult: schwierig

useful: nützlich pointless: nutzlos

## We don't need no education — oh yes you do...

You need to learn all 16 subjects, even the ones you don't do. There are 9 opinion phrases write a different opinion for each of the 9 subjects from Science, Numbers & Stuff and Humanities.

## **School Routine**

If <u>aliens</u> invade, speaking German and asking about your <u>typical school day</u>, you're gonna <u>need</u> this stuff or they'll eat your <u>brains</u> on toast. ... Or, learn it 'cos you need it for <u>KS3 German</u>. Your choice.

### The school day — der Schultag

Go through these phrases, and write out your own version of each one so it matches your day.



Ich fahre mit dem I go by Auto car
Bus bus
Fahrrad bike

zur Schule.

For more on transport, see p.40-41.

BUT...

Ich gehe zu Fuß zur Schule.

I go to school on foot.

For more on home routine, see p.14.

For more on times, see p.2.

Ich stehe um acht Uhr auf.

I get up at 8:00.



Die Schule fängt um neun Uhr an.

School begins at 9:00.



Die Schule ist um vier Uhr aus.

School ends at 4:00.





Jede Stunde dauert vierzig Minuten.

Each lesson lasts forty minutes.

Wir haben acht Stunden pro Tag.

We have eight lessons per day.

For more on numbers, see p.1.



Wir machen eine Stunde Hausaufgaben pro Tag.
We do one hour of homework every day.



#### School days — the happiest days of your life, or so they say...

It's all good practice of <u>numbers</u> and <u>times</u>, which you can use <u>all over the place</u>. Even for interesting stuff like arranging when to have fun. I was at a restaurant with some mates last night. We met up <u>at 6:30</u>. That'd be "<u>um halb sieben</u>". Anyway. With all these phrases watch out for the <u>spellings</u> — <u>don't</u> mix up your "an" with your "aus". Even the <u>tiny words</u> have to be <u>right</u>.

## Jobs

There are different words for job titles depending on whether it's a man or a woman doing the job.

The "#" words are for men, the "#" ones are for women.

## Here are the jobs — die Berufe

('der Beruf' = job)

#### WORDS ENDING WITH "in" FOR WOMEN



mechanic



Bauarbeiter
Bauarbeiterin



















#### WORDS WITH DIFFERENT ENDINGS







### Hairdressers who do frizzy hair are called frizzeurs...

It's a pain learning two words for every job. Mainly the words for women are the same as they are for men, but with '-in' stuck on the end. You'll have to triple-learn the odd ones like "Friseuse".

## **Directions**

One thing you always have to do in German lessons is use a dodgy map to give directions to the person sitting next to you. Even if you never go to Germany, you need to learn this stuff.

#### ? — Wo ist Where is

#### Step 1 — Asking the Way

You need to learn both these phrases for "Where's the ... " so you can understand and use them. I've used "das Kino" for the example — swap it for any place you like (see p.26 and 27 for other places).

Wo ist das Kino, bitte?

Where is the cinema, please?

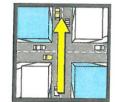
Gibt es hier in der Nähe ein Kino?

Is there a cinema near here?

# <u> Step 2 — Giving Directions</u>



gehen Sie links go left



gehen Sie geradeaus go straight on

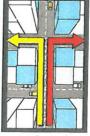


gehen Sie rechts turn right



Straße links/rechts

take the first street on the left/on the right



nehmen Sie die zweite

take the second street on the left/on the right

# Straße links/rechts

## Distances — say if it's near or far

You don't just want to know where you're going. You'll need to find out how far it is too.

QUESTION

Wie weit ist es von hier? How far is it from here?

ANSWER

ANSWER

ANSWER

Change "zwei" to any number (see p.1).

"And next week children we'll learn about left."

Es ist weit von hier. It's far from here.

Es ist in der Nähe von hier. It's near here.

Es ist zwei Kilometer von hier. It's two kilometres from here.

## Where am 1??? — oh, it's alright, I'm over here...

Once, in Berlin, I was walking to the shops, when a family with seven little kids came up and asked me the way to the zoo, all talking at once. Boy was I glad I'd done KS3 German. Oh yes.

# Places in Town

Places to go, things to see. Some of these are a doddle — they're exactly the same as they are in English. Look out for "das Theater" though — the 'r' and the 'e' have been sneakily swapped around.

#### 17 Places to Learn



das Museum museum



das Freizeitzentrum leisure centre



das Rathaus town hall



der Bahnhof train station



die Bibliothek library



die Bank bank



der Park park



das Kino cinema



das Theater theatre



die Stadtmitte town centre



die Post post office



das Schloss castle



das Hotel hotel



das Schwimmbad swimming pool



das Krankenhaus hospital



die Kirche church



das Verkehrsbüro tourist information

## And one for luck...



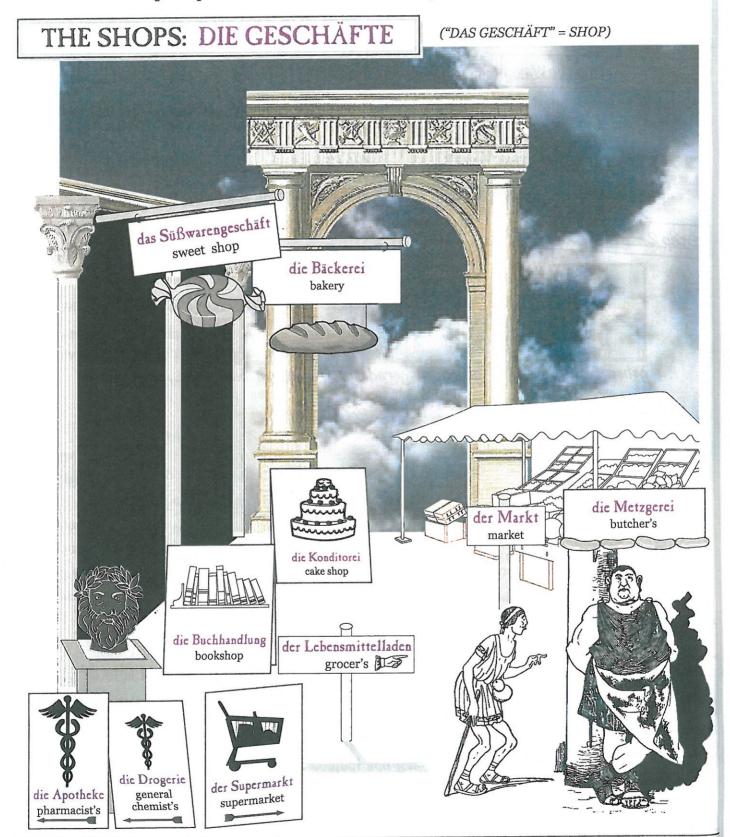
die Scholle plaice

You never know, you might want to go to one of these places. In the big park in Munich people surf on a weir and sunbathe in the buff. It's true. I've seen it with my own eyes. Shocking, eh.

#### SHOPS

Many legacies of Roman rule endure in the ancient province of Germania.

Outstanding amongst these are the vine, the excellent transport network and a multitude of shops.



#### So what have the Romans ever done for us...

Just ten bits of shopping vocab. But don't go thinking you can take it easy. Fewer bits to learn means you can learn each one extra well. That means spellings 100% right, from memory. Oh yes, indeedy. As Caesar said to Brutus.

On the plus side there are no phrases to learn on this page. On the down side it's all vocab. Enjoy.

## Meat — das Fleisch



das Schweinefleisch



das Lammfleisch



das Steak



die Wurst



der Fisch

das Hähnchen chicken











#### Fruit — das Obst



der Apfel apple



die Birne



die Orange orange



die Zitrone lemon



der Pfirsich



die Erdbeere strawberry



die Banane banana

## Vegetables — das Gemüse



die Tomate



die Karotte



der Kohl



der Kopfsalat lettuce



der Blumenkohl



peas



der Pilz



die Kartoffel



die Zwiebel

#### Yes, that really was the Chancellor's name...

You'll always get a good feed in Germany. Unless you don't know any food vocab of course. Learn it all. Learn what's der, die and das. Copying things out helps loads. You know the drill.

# Clothes and Colours

Two pages of hiding your nakedness. The basics on this page, then how to buy stuff on the next. Enjoy.

#### Learn your clothing — die Kleidung

There's a lot to learn here. Break it down into chunks of say 4 items, and learn 'em a chunk at a time



das Hemd man's shirt



die Bluse woman's shirt



das T-Shirt T-shirt (no kidding)



der Pullover iumper



die Hose trousers



die Jeans ieans



das Kleid dress



der Rock skirt



der Mantel coat



der Regenmantel raincoat



die Jacke jacket



der Hut haf



die Socke / die Socken der Schuh / die Schuhe





sock / socks



der Handschuh / die Handschuhe

glove / gloves



die Brille glasses

#### Say What You Wear

"Ich trage" + "einen / eine / ein" + GARMENT

Ich trage ein T-shirt. I'm wearing a T-shirt.

It's "einen" for "der" things, "eine" for "die" things, "ein" for "das" things. See p.56.

#### **Colours and Materials**

Yep, colours and materials — what more can I say...















blau



orange orange



die Wolle wool



die Baumwolle cotton



das Leder leather

## der weiße Rock the white skirt

To be 100% correct you have to stick an ending on the colour word — see p.60.

Add a material to a garment to make one giant word. (But drop the "e" from Wolle and Baumwolle.)



#### School Uniform

And now for the truly fashion-conscious...

Ich trage eine graue Hose, einen Wollpullover, eine schwarze Krawatte, und ein Baumwollhemd.

I wear grey trousers, a woollen sweater, a black tie and a cotton shirt.



Right, time for some serious concentration — some of the most important vocab in this book is <u>right here</u> on this page. In fact, it's <u>2.9 cm</u> from this full stop.

## Sweet things — die Süßigkeiten

Learn these words about delicious, sweet, sugary things.



die Marmelade jam



die Schokolade chocolate



der Keks



der Zucker sugar



das Eis ice cream



der Kuchen

#### **Dairy Gubbins**

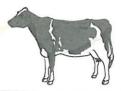
die Milch milk

die Sahne cream

der Joghurt yoghurt

der Käse cheese

die Butter butter





#### Other stuff — mainly stodge

The last few bits of food vocab...



das Brot



die Nudeln



die Getreideflocken



der Reis



die Pommes frites



die Kartoffelchips
crisps

# And Some Lovely Drinks — die Getränke

#### Cold'uns



die Cola



das Mineralwasser



der Orangensaft orange juice



der Weißwein



der Rotwein



das Bier

#### Hot'uns



der Tee



die heiße Schokolade hot chocolate



der Kaffee

#### Kind of a drink



die Suppe



#### <u>It's not all sausages you know...</u>

...I mean, there are lots of sausages in Germany, never mind Austria and Switzerland.

But there are other things too, like ham, and salami, and roast pork, and pig knuckles. Mmmm.

Like food? Love eating? You're in luck — there's a whole page of talking about food. Pig out.

### I like... — Ich mag...

These "like" / "don't like" phrases come up all over the place, get them learned.



Ich mag Orangen nicht.

= I don't like oranges.

See p.53 for more on opinions. bananas: Bananen

peas: Erbsen cream: Sahne

See p.28-29 for names of foods.

### <u> I'm hungry — Ich habe Hunger...</u>

The normal German phrase for "I'm hungry" is "Ich habe Hunger" — literally, "I have hunger."





Ja, ich habe Hunger. Yes, I am hungry.



Nein, ich habe Keinen Hungel No, I am not hungry.





Ja. ich habe Durst. Yes, I am thirsty.



Nein, ich habe Keinen Durst. No, I am not thirsty.

### Say what you eat



Ich esse Wurst . I eat sausage.



Ich trinke Wasser . I drink water.

### Say when you eat



das Frühstück breakfast



das Mittagessen lunch



das Abendessen evening meal

MEALTIMES

Das Frühstück ist um acht Uhr. Breakfast is at 8 o' clock.

Das Mittagessen ist um halb ein.

Lunch is at half past twelve.

See p.2 for clock times.

Das Abendessen ist um sieben Uhr. The evening meal is at 7 o' clock.

#### <u>If you eat up everything on your plate...</u>

OK, this page is packed. Don't get your undercrackers in a twist, just take it one chunk at a time.

Section 4 — Town, Shopping, Food and Drink

A few restaurant odds and bobs, then the real meat — restaurant conversations. Err, that proves I've read the page, now it's, err, your turn. Hmm. Restaurants are a key topic for KS3 German, and dead useful for holidays. That's why this stuff is here.

#### Restaurant Vocab

"das Restaurant" should be pretty easy to remember...



das Restaurant



der Kellner



die Kellnerin waitress



das Getränk drink



menu



starter







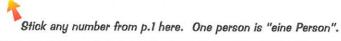


### **Restaurant Conversations**

Get yourself a table, order what you want to eat and drink, and pay at the end:

1) Get yourself a table:

Einen Tisch für zwei Personen, bitte. A table for two, please.



2) The waiter/waitress asks what you want:

Was möchten Sie? What would you like?

Ich hätte gern Fisch. I would like fish.

words on p.28-29.

Etwas zu trinken? Anything to drink?

More food and drink



Ich nehme eine Cola. I'll have a cola.

3) At the end of the meal, say you'd like to pay:

Zahlen, bitte. I'd like to pay, please.

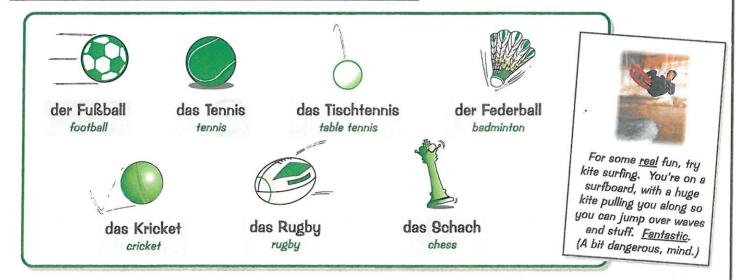
#### ...You'll get a really nasty lollipop...

"Ich hätte gern..." is a great phrase to learn — you can use it whenever and wherever you want something, and sound dead polite too. e.g. "Ich hätte gern ein Auto" = I would like a car.

# Sports and Musical Instruments

Sports and instruments, hot dang. All the sports and instruments you need for KS3 German are here, and how to say you play them. Learn 'em all, and make double-sure you know the ones you play. Let the games commence.

### Talk about sport — der Sport

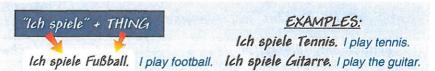


## Learn the instruments — die Instrumente

[das Instrument = instrument]



How To Say What You Play...



## Learning German — it's all fun and games...

Try this for the sports bit: get two strips of paper to cover up the grey boxes. Then on the paper, write down the German for each sport. Keep doing it till you can get them all right from memory.

# Pastimes and Hobbies

Would ya Adam and Eve it. More <u>pastimes</u> here, these are ones you <u>do</u> rather than play.

The <u>opinion</u> stuff at the bottom is a <u>beauty</u>. ...Well, it's <u>dead useful</u> at least.

## What do you do in your free time?

## Was machst du in deiner Freizeit?



Ich gehe wandern
I go hiking



Ich gehe schwimmen



Ich fahre Rad



Never mind that lot, try ultimate frisbee. It's <u>brilliant</u>. Two teams of 7, and you catch a frisbee in the "end zone" to score. Check out www.ukultimate.com



Ich gehe Kegeln



Ich gehe Schlittschuh laufen



Ich gehe einkaufen I go shopping

### Say what you do and don't like

Talk about your <u>opinions</u>, and have your teacher choking on their Hobnob in delight. You need this stuff to show your German's worth the <u>top levels</u>. Good thing is, it's pretty <u>easy</u>. Ish.

Magst du Tennis? Do you like tennis?



Ich mag Tennis.

I like tennis.

Ich liebe Tennis.

I love tennis.

...weil es\* interessant ist. because it's interesting.

einfach easy lustig fun

Ich mag Tennis nicht.

I don't like tennis.



I hate tennis.



...weil es\* langweilig ist. ...because it's boring.

schwierig difficult (ermüdend) tiring

\*It's <u>er</u> for <u>der</u> words, <u>sie</u> for <u>die</u> words, <u>es</u> for <u>das</u> words. See p.57.

#### Be careful how you spell "Schlittschuh"...

Hate sports, shopping, and generally anything that involves standing up? You still have to learn this page, so you can say why you don't like doing stuff. Sorry. ... Actually I'm not sorry, get off your rear, lazy.

## TV, Books and Radio

Put down your ice-axe and pick up the remote control. This page is more relaxing.

### <u> I listen to the radio — Ich höre Radio</u>



Ich höre Radio gern. I like to listen to the radio.





Ich höre Radio nicht gern. I don't like to listen to the radio.

#### <u> 1 read books — Ich lese Bücher</u>



Ich lese Bücher gern. I like to read books.





Ich lese Bücher nicht gern. I don't like to read books.

## I watch television — Ich sehe fern

Ich sehe fern. = | watch TV =



Ich sehe Filme an.



Ich sehe gern fern. I like to watch TV





Ich sehe nicht gern fern. I don't like to watch TV

#### <u> I like this film — Ich mag diesen Film</u>

Ich mag ... / Ich mag ... nicht I like / I don't like

diesen Film this film diese Musik this music diese Zeitung this newspaper

diesen Roman this novel diese Zeitschrift this magazine

**EXAMPLES:** 

Ich mag diesen Film. I like this film.

Ich mag diesen Film nicht. I don't like this film.

#### Most people look best on the radio...

Ahh, that's better. Words to describe couch-potatoing. But where's the vocab for big woolly socks, a sofa, take-away pizza, and a big box of chocolates? Sorry, turned into Bridget Jones there.

# Going Out and Making Arrangements

Classic K93 German stuff on this double page spread. Learn <u>all 4 steps</u> so you can get from <u>hanging</u> <u>around</u> on your <u>own</u>, to <u>having fun</u> out with your <u>mates</u>. (Assuming your mates speak German...)

# Step 1 — Places to Go

These are the main <u>places</u> you'd want to go to. They're the places I'd want to go anyway. For other places, see p.26-27.



die Stadtmitte



das Schwimmbad swimming pool



das Kino



das Theater



das Freizeitzentrum



das Restaurant



zu Hause

# Step 2 — Do you want to...

Use this phrase with one of the places above.

Hast du Lust +

in den in die ins

PLACE + zu gehen ?

Hast du Lust ins Kino zu gehen?

Do you want to go to the cinema?

It's "in die" for "die" words, "in den" for "der" words and "ins" for "das" words.

"Zu Hause" is the odd one out. You don't put "ins zu Hause" — you say "nach Hause zu gehen".

#### "YES" PHRASES

Ja, gerne. Yes, I'd like to.

Ja, das wäre schön. Yes, I'd love to.

Ja, gute Idee. Yes, good idea.

#### "NO" PHRASES

Nein, danke. No, thank you.

Ich gehe nicht gern ins Kino. I don't like going to the cinema.

Ich habe Kein Geld. I don't have any money.

Ich mache meine Hausaufgaben. I'm doing my homework.

### <u>Hast du Lust ins "Museum of Soil" zu gehen — nein, danke...</u>

Life's too short — just learn the phrases for "yes" and get out there.

Section 5 — Free Time, Hobbies and Transport

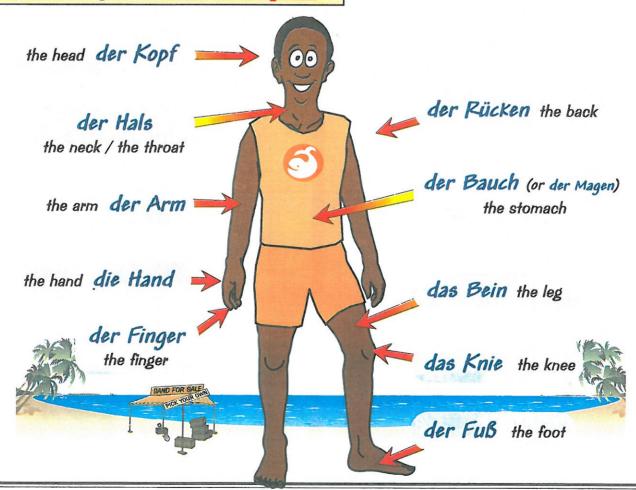
# The Body

You need <u>body parts</u> for a) telling people <u>something hurts</u> (next page), b) telling the police something nasty's washed up on the beach.

# The head — der Kopf



## <u>The body — der Körper</u>



#### Get your foot off my tip box...

Come on, some of these <u>aren't hard</u> at all — like die <u>Hand</u>, der <u>Finger</u>, der <u>Arm</u>. You're halfway there without even trying. And joy of joys, you can do the trick of <u>covering the labels</u> with some paper, and writing out the German for all the body bits <u>from memory</u>. If you miss any, <u>try again</u>. Chin up.

# Health and Illness

Being ill sucks. Don't suffer in silence, learn this German and get made better ASAP. Cough, wheeze.

## Say that you're ill — "Ich bin krank"

Ich

Ich bin Krank.

Say where you want to go to get better:

Ich will ins Krankenhaus gehen.
I want to go to the hospital.

Ich will zum Arzt gehen.
I want to go to the doctor's.

Ich will zur Apotheke gehen.
I want to go to the pharmacy.

### My leg hurts — Mein Bein tut mir weh

This is how you say what bit of you hurts. Practise bunging in the body parts from page 16.

"mein / meine" + BODY PART + "tut mir weh"

Mein Bein tut mir weh.

My leg hurts

It's "mein" for "der" and "das" words, and "meine" for "die" words, See p.56 for more,

#### **EXAMPLES**

Mein Fuß tut mir weh. My foot hurts.

Meine Hand tut mir weh. My hand hurts.

Meine Nase tut mir weh. My nose hurts.

Mein Kopf tut mir weh. My head hurts.

For your <u>head</u>, <u>stomach</u> and <u>ear</u>, you can say they hurt, or you can use the special "<u>ache</u>" words, like this:

Ich habe <u>Kopfschmerzen</u>. *I have a <u>headache</u>*.

Ich habe <u>Bauchschmerzen</u>. *I have <u>stomachache</u>*.

Ich habe <u>Ohrenschmerzen</u>. *I have <u>earache</u>*.

## Learn these things for making you better

If you're ill, you'll need one of these things to make you better. Get them learned.



die Medizin
= medicine

die Salbe = ointment

das Rezept

= prescription

das Pflaster
= plaster

die Tablette

die Schmerztablette

= painkiller



## Enough German — let's have some astronauts...

Did you know, real live German people have been in space? They certainly have:



German payload specialists Ernst Messerschmid and Reinhard Furrer, 13/12/84



Image of Oberpfaffenhofen in Germany



German and
American
astronauts on a
joint mission.

## **Transport**

This is all wonderful stuff to use in Germany — should help you get on the <u>tram</u> to the <u>zoo</u>, not the <u>train</u> to <u>Moscow</u>. You can use it to talk about how you get around at home too.



das Auto



der Bus



der Reisebus



das Fahrrad bicycle



das Motorrad



der Zug train



die U-Bahn underground



die Straßenbahn



das Schiff ship



das Flugzeug aeroplane

#### All aboard the KS3 German Fun-Train...

It's dead easy this page — just ten bits of vocab to learn, and of course remembering which ones are "der", "die" and "das". I'd love to stick around and help but I've got a train to catch...

That really is Benz and Mercedes. Karl Benz, and Mercedes Jellinek. He made cars, she was the daughter

of an Austrian businessman who sold them (he sold Daimler cars, but Daimler merged with Benz in 1926).

# Transport

My Mum had a foreign penfriend back in the 60's. He was on the run from Interpol, because he didn't want to join the army. He escaped by skiing through Finland at night. Ignore that, read this:

# I go by... — Ich fahre mit...

Dead useful this. It comes up when you're talking about going out, going to school and holidays.

"Ich fahre mit dem/der" + VEHICLE

Ich fahre mit dem Auto. I go by car.

**Note for Swots** It's mit dem for "der" and "das" words, and mit der for "die" words (see p.59).

Use it for any of the transport types from p.40. Here are the three other most common ones:

Ich fahre mit dem Zug I go by train Ich fahre mit dem Bus I go by bus Ich fahre mit dem Fahrrad I go by bike There's a special phrase for going on foot:

Ich gehe zu Fuß. 1 go on foot.

# Use the same phrases for train and bus tickets

Germany has good trains that actually work, if you can imagine that. There are quite a few phrases to learn here, but it's essential stuff for buying tickets.

Fährt ein Zug nach Berlin? Is there a train going to Berlin?

For more times, see p.2

For a bus, change it to "ein Bus" or "der Bus".

Steamy picture no.1

Q: Wann fährt der Zug nach Berlin? When does the train for Berlin leave?

A: Der Zug nach Berlin fährt um neun Uhr. The train for Berlin leaves at nine o'clock.

Q: Von welchem Gleis fährt der Zug nach Berlin?

Which platform does the train for Berlin leave from?

A: Der Zug nach Berlin fährt von Gleis drei.

The train for Berlin leaves from platform three.

O: Was für eine Fahrkarte brauchen Sie? What kind of ticket do you need?

A: Eine einfache Fahrkarte nach Berlin, erste Klasse, bitte.

A single to Berlin, 1st class, please.



eine einfache **Fahrkarte** a single ticket



Rückfahrkarte a return ticket



erste Klasse first class



zweite Klasse second class



Steamy picture no.2

#### This ticket's been used, I want to return it...

Make sure you've got it sussed — test yourself by rewriting this in German (answer on p.42): "Is there a train to München? I would like a return, first class. When does the train leave?"

## Weather and Seasons

This is the <u>question</u> you'll get asked about the weather:

Wie ist das Wetter?

= What's the weather like?

## Say what the weather's like — "es ist..."

These nine types of weather all start "es ist" ("it is").



es ist schön

es ist schlecht

it's bad weather





es ist heiß

es ist <u>Kalt</u> it's cold





es ist sonnig

es ist wolkig it's cloudy





es ist windig it's windy



es ist <u>neblig</u> it's foggy



es ist stürmisch it's stormy

#### ODD ONES OUT

Raining and snowing are different.

There's no "ist" in the sentence.

es regnet



es schneit
it's snowing



#### <u>The seasons — die Jahreszeiten</u>

['die Jahreszeit' = season]

Ah, the seasons. Only four of them to learn, and two of them are easy. Can't say fairer than that.









spring

summe

autumn

winter

#### <u>Learn this stuff — or you won't have the neblig-iest...</u>

There's something great about those words for seasons — they're all 'der' words. So why is "Jahreszeit" a "die" word... Ours is not to reason why, but mainly to learn German vocab.

# Holidays

Holidays are a bit like weather in a way — they're a good <u>ice-breaker</u> for talking to people you don't really know. They're also a favourite topic in <u>K93 German</u>.

#### Talk about where you normally go on holiday

The bits on the left are the questions you could get asked about holidays.

The bits on the right are your answers — change the underlined bits to match your own holiday.

Wohin fährst du in Urlaub, normalerweise?

Where do you go on holiday normally?

Mit wem fährst du in Urlaub?

Who do you go on holiday with?

Wie lange machst du Urlaub?

How long do you go on holiday for?

Wo übernachtest du, normalerweise?

Where do you normally stay?

Normalerweise fahre ich nach Schottland.

Normally, I go to Scotland.

For other countries, see p.50.

lch fahre mit <u>meiner Mutter</u> und meiner Schwester.

I go with my mother and my sister.

"meiner" is <u>dative</u> see p.59

For other people, see p.10.

Ich mache eine Woche Urlaub.

I go for one week.

For other times, see p.2.

Ich übernachte in einem Hotel.

I stay in a hotel.

"einem" is <u>dative,</u> see p.59

For other places, see p.48.

Was machst du?

What do you do?

Ich gehe an den Strand.

I go to the beach.

For other things to do, see p.35-37.

Wie ist das Wetter normalerweise?

What's the weather like normally?

Es regnet.

For other weather, see p.46.

"A woman watches three men but the thought bubble above her shows the men dressed in shirts and ties, revealing that she is dressing them with her eyes." 1950

When I say they weren't half funny in the old days, I mean they weren't half funny.

#### Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside — so long as it's abroad...

This is a five second RANT WARNING: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Don't just learn the answers — you've GOT TO LEARN THE QUESTIONS TOO. If you don't know the questions you won't be able to understand what people say to you, and you won't be able to ask them stuff either. ...Rant over.

Section 7 — Weather, Holidays and Countries

# Hotels and Camping

There are twenty cracking little bits of vocab on this page. Make sure you learn them all.

#### Learn these places to stay

It's all a question of how much you want to <u>pay</u> per night, and whether you want <u>ants</u> in your shoes when you wake up.







#### At the campsite — auf dem Campingplatz

These are the campsite bits you have to know. Hand-drawn-tastic mate. Watch the spellings, they're odd.



das Zelt tent



der Wohnwagen caravan



der Platz pitch (space for a tent)



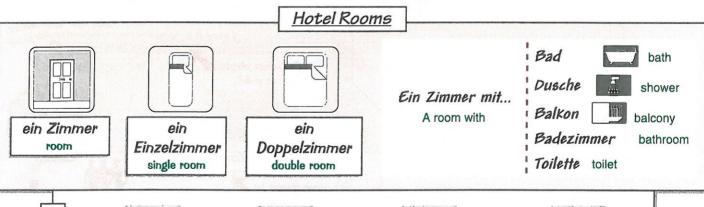
der Schlafsack sleeping bag



das Trinkwasser drinking water

#### At the hotel — im Hotel

The most important stuff to learn about hotels is the different types of rooms:



Other Stuff



das Telefon telephone



die Toilette



der Speisesaal dining room



der Schlüssel

#### Those tiny shower gel packs make me feel like a giant...

95% of Britons would rather stay in a hotel. 3% are doing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. 2% have a Ray Mears-complex. 100% of KS3 German students have to learn this vocab.

# **Booking Accommodation**

There's a lot of learning to do on this page. Take it one bit at a time — easy does it.

#### Booking a hotel room — tell them what and when

Mmm. Booking a room is <u>easier</u> than it seems, just fiddle these phrases to say the <u>dates</u> / <u>number of nights</u> you want. Make sure you read the <u>questions</u> so you'll understand them.

1 Haben Sie Zimmer frei? Have you any rooms free?

Für wie viele Personen? (For how many people?)

I would like

ein Einzelzimmer a single room ein Doppelzimmer a double room

Spanner Winter Station

HOF

Für wie viele Nächte? (For how many nights?)

Ich möchte hier
I would like

eine Nacht one night zwei Nächte two nights eine Woche one week zwei Wochen two weeks

bleiben.

For other numbers,

Von wann bis wann möchten Sie bleiben? (When would you like to stay?)

Ich möchte vom

I would like from the

ersten Juni first of June

vierten Mai fourth of Mav bis zum

to the

zweiten Juni second of June

elften Mai eleventh of May bleiben.

to stay



These "first", "second" words are on p.1. Watch out they end in "n" in this sentence (it's dative, see p.59)

(5) Was kostet das? How much is that?

Ich möchte ein Einzelzimmer. Ich möchte hier eine Woche bleiben, vom vierten Mai bis zum elften Mai. Was kostet das?



## Booking into a campsite — don't ask for a room

The first bit of booking into a campsite is different from a hotel (no rooms in a campsite, see).

1 Haben Sie Plätze frei? Have you any pitches free?

2 Ich möchte einen Platz

für ein Zelt for a tent

I would like a pitch

für einen Wohnwagen for a caravan



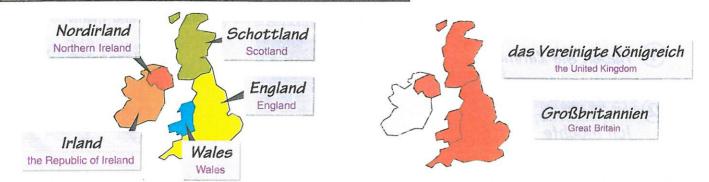
#### ...The shower cap makes me feel like my gran...

Write out the whole conversation for getting a room at a hotel. Say you want to stay from 3 July to 6 July. Then write it out again, and keep writing it out till you can do it without looking.

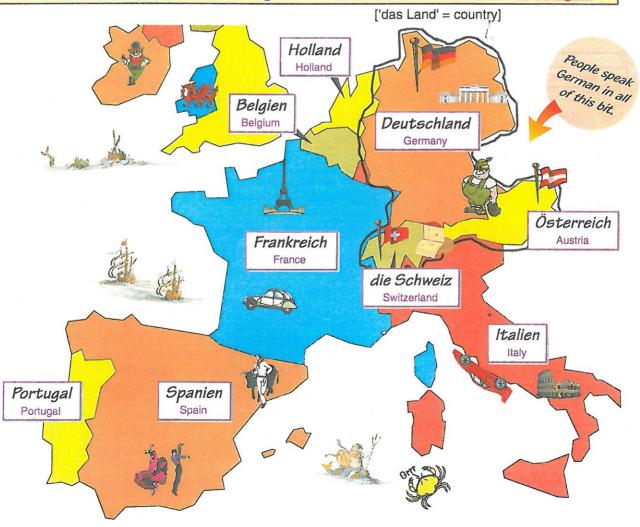
## **Countries**

These are the countries you need for <u>KS3 German</u>. Obviously there are more out there — if you're <u>desperate</u>, look them up in a dictionary, geography-freak. But make sure you <u>learn all these ones first</u>.

#### Great Britain — Großbritannien



### The countries of Europe — die Länder von Europa



#### <u>Don't flag — keep going till you've learnt them all...</u>

I reckon "das Vereinigte Königreich" is one of the trickiest phrases in this book, but maybe I've just got a mental block about it... Learn all the countries. You never know when you'll need them.

# **Nationalities**

If someone asks where you're from you can just say "I live in Alaska" — it's "Ich wohne in Alaska".

I've got a strong feeling you'd be talking big, fat, lardy porky pies though.

#### Saying where you live — "Ich wohne in..."

Pick the one of these that's for where you live, and learn it.

"ich wohne in" + COUNTRY

Ich wohne in England.
I live in England.

Ich wohne in Wales.
I live in Wales.

Ich wohne in Schottland.
I live in Scotland.

Ich wohne in Nordirland.
I live in Northern Ireland.

### Saying your nationality — "ich bin..."

This is how you put the sentence together:

"ich bin" + NATIONALITY

Ich bin Engländer. I am English.

You need to learn all the UK nationalities:

Ich bin

Engländer(in) English
Waliser(in) Welsh
Nordirländer(in) Northern Irish
Schotte/Schottin Scottish

They all end with 'in' if you're female



#### Five foreign nationalities

Five more nationalities that can be tacked on after "Ich bin...":



Spanier(in)
Spanish



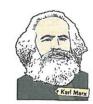
Italiener(in)
Italian



Ire / Irin



Franzose / Französin
French



Deutscher / Deutsche German

#### <u>Ich bin Spanier. Ich bin Enrique Iglesias — honest...</u>

Technically speaking, Napoleon was born on the island of Corsica, so he was <u>Corsican</u>. It's owned by France though, so you <u>could</u> say he was <u>French</u>. ...But then you wouldn't be able to do <u>great</u> <u>jokes</u> like: "Can you name Napoleon's nationality?" "Corsican" "Well if you can, go on then." HA HA HA

# **Opinions**

There's more than one way to peel a cat... and there's more than one way to say what you think.

## "<u>I like" and "I don't like"</u>

Use these four phrases to say what you like and what you don't like.





Ich mag... nicht I don't like Ich hasse... I hate

Ich mag Schildkröten nicht. I don't like tortoises. "Nicht" always goes at the end of the sentence.

Ich hasse Schildkröten. I hate tortoises.

## You can say "I like" using GERN

"Gern" is a handy wee word for saying you like doing something.

1) Write down the (See p.63 for 'what is a verb?')



straight after the verb.



Ich schlafe gern.

Ich esse gern Spaghetti.

I like sleeping.

I like eating spaghetti.

Then put ist for "is" — or sind for "are".

# Use describing words to say what you think

Start with the thing you want to describe - a film, a person, a pair of shoes...

Kochen ist langweilig. 3) Finish off with a describing Cooking is boring.

word. There are loads more in the box.

gut	good	leicht   e	easy	super	super	lustig	fun
nicht gut	not good	schwer h	nard	wunderbar	wonderful	doof	l daft
schlecht	bad	dumm s	tupid	toll	   great	fantastisch	   fantastic
interessant	interesting	<i>schön</i> i ni	ice	anstrengend	tiring	einfach Klasse	totally brilliant

## Like it or not German is here to stay...

ARGHH — grammar. Sends a shiver down my spine just to hear the word "grammar". Don't let it get the better of you. Get a wooden stake and a big bulb of garlic and plough right in.

# **Asking Questions**

Don't sit there like a lump of lard waiting to be asked questions. Get like Jeremy Paxman — ask questions that make people squirm.

### The words have a funny order in questions

Most of the time in German. the I / you / he / they bit comes before the verb.

> In a question the verb comes first.

Du heißt Spartacus. You are called Spartacus. Heißt du Spartacus? Are you called Spartacus?



Fig. 167.4: Spartacus begs for mercy, then realises he can see right up Caesar's tunic.

# Make questions by changing the word order

This makes the type of question that gets you a YES or NO answer like "Do you like crumpets?" or "Shall we go to the pictures?". All you do is switch the verb and the I / you / he / they bit, exactly like in the example above.

Englisch ist interessant.

English is interesting

Der Hund stinkt.

The dog smells.

Ist Englisch interessant?

Is English interesting?

Stinkt der Hund?

Does the dog smell?

## Use a question word

1) Start by changing the word order...

2) ...then stick a guestion word in at the beginning.

du trinkst trinkst du you are drinking





Was trinkst du?

What are you drinking?

Wo spielst du Tennis? Where do you play tennis?

Warum magst du Sonja?

Why do you like Sonja?

These are the German guestion words you need to know. They all start with W — a bit like English.

Wer?

Wo?

Wohin?

Where to?

Wie?

How?

Wann?

When?

Was? What? Warum?

## This question is for £132,000 — no pressure...

Always, always remember to switch the word order. Oh, and remember the question mark of course. Once you've got those done you can sit and look smug. If you like that kind of thing.