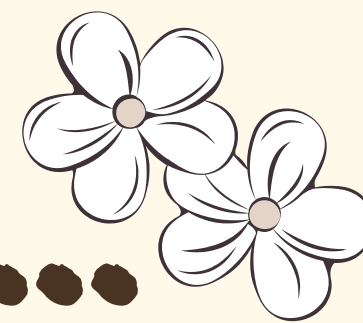
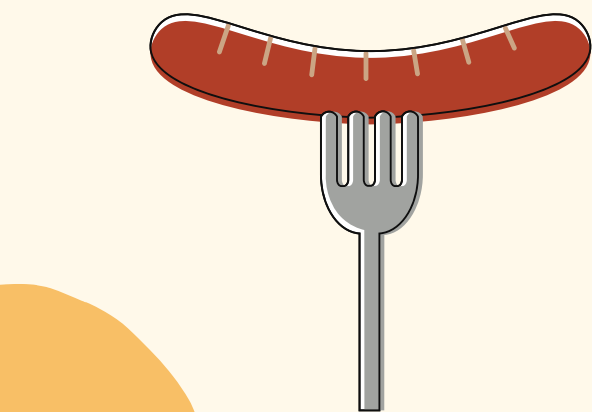


Intercultural mentoring

# Trivia game...



... about the German language





Welcome...

... to this game about Germany and the German language!

- Part 1: Dialect words and sentences
- Part 2: Funny and difficult German words
- Part 3: German sayings
- Part 4: Tongue twisters
- Part 5: Quiz about Germany

Let's get started!





## Part 1 - Dialects

The German language has a great amount of regional dialects, for example the dialect "Swabian" from the area Swabia (part of Baden-Württemberg) or the dialect "Kölsch" from the area around the city Köln.

### Task:

Try to guess what the following dialectic words from areas all over Germany mean.

1. What would somebody hand you in Karlsruhe if you ask for a “Debbich”? (dialect: Schwäbisch)

a A blanket

b A rug

c A beer

d A regional food



2. What does this sentence mean: "Läng ma mol d'Herdäpfel und de Sunnewirbele"? (dialect: Alemanisch)

a

Could you turn on the stove  
and stir the soup

b

It has been a long time since  
we saw each other last time

c

Give me potatoes and lettuce

d

We met last week  
and now again





3. What does this sentence mean: "Holsch ma mol s' Gutzele  
usm Chuchichäschtli"? (dialect: Allemanisch)

a

We need to cut the  
tree for firewood

b

The birds outside in  
the tree are noisy

c

Could you get the candy  
from the kitchen cupboard

d

Could you get the flour  
for the birthday cake



4. What does this sentence mean: "Schaung ma moi,  
na seng ma's scho"? (dialect: Bayrisch)

a

That's my mom,  
how is your mom?

b

Wait - I'm not clairvoyant

c

Let's see, then we'll see

d

That is for me but  
we could share it



5. What does this sentence mean: "Du büst'n baldadig Bangbüx"? (dialect: Hamburgisch)

a

You have to go to the bank

b

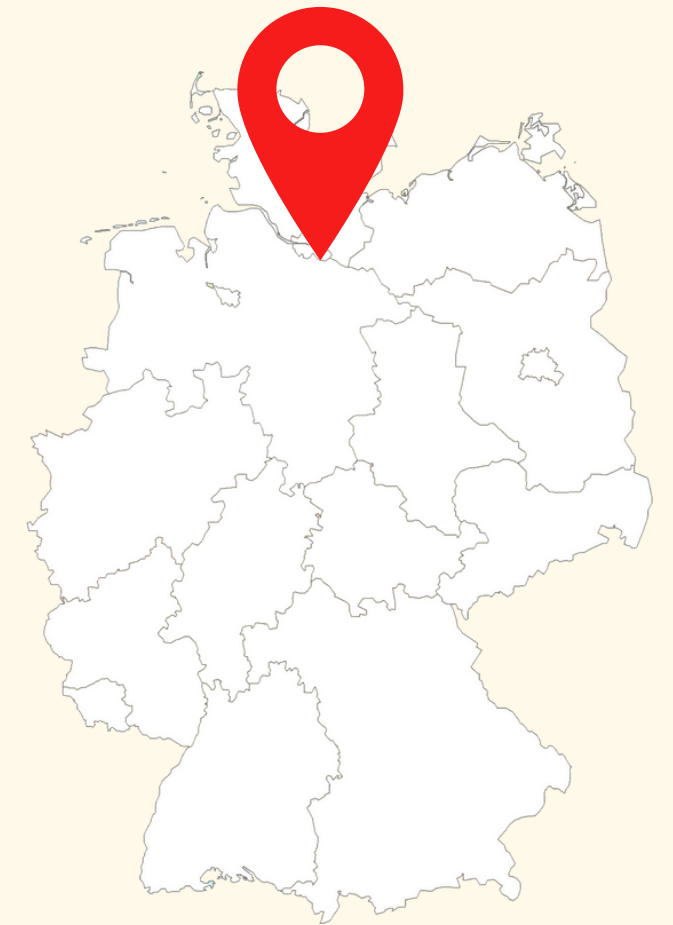
You are a real chicken

c

You like to dance in the club

d

You like to save money  
when you shop





6. What does this sentence mean: "Wat kütt, dat kütt"? (dialect: Kölsch)

a

If you can dream it,  
you can do it

b

What ever happens, happens

c

If you want it,  
you can have it

d

What's gone, that's gone



7. What does this sentence mean: "Jó, unn selwat?"?  
(dialect: Moselfränkisch)

a

I like it, do you like it?

b

Me, an Idiot?

c

I'm doing good,  
what about you?

d

Jo, what's up?



8. What does this sentence mean: "Host mi?!"?  
(dialect: Bayrisch)

a

Did you understand me?

b

Can you hear it?

c

Can you host me?

d

Will you go out with me?



# Solutions

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | a | a blanket   |
| 2. | c | Give me potatoes and lettuce                          |
| 3. | c | Could you get the candy from<br>the kitchen cupboard? |
| 4. | c | Let's see, then we'll see.                            |
| 5. | b | You are a real chicken.                               |
| 6. | b | What ever happens, happens.                           |
| 7. | c | I'm doing good, what about<br>you?                    |
| 8. | a | Did you understand me?                                |





## Part 2 - Words

In the German language, there are a lot of words that foreigners usually find really hard and funny to pronounce.

Task:

Try to pronounce those German words.

Streichholzschächtelchen

Quietscheentchen

Eichhörnchen

Fünfhundertfünfundfünfzig

Rührei

Schlittschuhlaufen

Bratwürstchen

Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunter  
beamtengesellschaft

(Yes, this is a real German word! It's the longest German word and since 1996, it is in the Guinness Book of Records. However, even most Germans find it hard to pronounce and a lot of German don't even know what it means.)

Breaking it into pieces might help you to pronounce it:

Donau-Dampfschiff-Fahrts-Elektrizitäten-Haupt-Betriebswerk-  
Bauunter-Beamten-Gesellschaft



## Part 3 - funny words

There are a lot of funny-sounding, weird-looking words in the German language.

Task:

Try to guess the meanings of the words and sentences.



1. "Das ist mir Wurst"

2. "Ich versteh nur Bahnhof"

3. "Wer im Glashaus sitzt, sollte nicht mit Steinen werfen"

4. "Eine Hand wäscht die andere"

5. "Wenn zwei sich streiten, freut sich der Dritte"

6. "Nen geschenkten Gaul schaut man nicht ins Maul"

7. What is "Schnipo Schranke"?

- (1) It is a German game for children
- (2) Bread with chives and butter
- (3) Schnitzel and fries with mayonnaise and ketchup
- (4) Busy Schedule

8. "Verschlimmbesserung" → "Disimprovement"

- (1) Term for a specific weather condition
- (2) The desired improvement that has only made things worse than before
- (3) Reduced price on groceries in a supermarket
- (4) German school grade

## Solutions

1. "This is sausage to me"
2. " I only understand train station"
3. "Those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones"
4. "One hand washes the other"
5. "When two quarrel, the third is happy"
6. "Never look a gift horse in the mouth"
7. Schnitzel and fries with mayonnaise and ketchup
8. A desired improvement that has only made things worse than before



## Part 4 - Tongue twisters

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It is described as a word or sequence of words difficult to pronounce, especially rapidly, because of alliteration or a slight variation of consonant sounds

Task:

Try to say those tongue twisters as fast as possible.



- Fischers Fritz fischt frische Fische; Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritz
- Zwischen zwei Zwetschgenbäumen zwitschern zwei geschwätzige Schwalben
- Zehn zahme Ziegen zogen zehn Zentner Zucker zum Zoo.
- Auf den sieben Robbenklippen sitzen sieben Robbensippen, die sich in die Rippen stippen, bis sie von den Klippen kippen.

- Brautkleid bleibt Brautkleid und Blaukraut bleibt Blaukraut.
- Bierbrauer Bauer braut braunes Bier, braunes Bier braut  
Bierbrauer Bauer.
- Wenn Fliegen hinter Fliegen fliegen, fliegen Fliegen Fliegen  
nach.
- Der Cottbusser Postkutscher putzt den Cottbusser  
Postkutschkasten. Den Cottbusser Postkutschkasten putzt der  
Cottbusser Postkutscher.



## Part 5 - Germany

You now know a lot about the German language. But do you also know a lot about Germany itself?

Task:

Find the answers to the questions about Germany.

1. How many federal states is Germany made of?

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2. What's the name of Germany's capital?

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3. How many countries share a border with Germany?

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4. Which of the following cities is also a state?  
Bremen, Aachen, Bochum, Erfurt

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5. Who was the first female chancellor?

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6. What colors are on the flag of Germany?  
Black, red and ...?

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7. How many dialects are there in Germany?

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8. German bread is known and loved all over the world.  
How many different types of bread are there in Germany?

--0 (in numbers)

9. Which is the tallest German building?

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## Solutions

1. Sixteen

2. Berlin

3. Nine

4. Bremen

5. Merkel

6. Gold

7. Twenty

8. 300

9. Berliner  
Fernsehturm



THANK  
YOU

