

Friends and false friends

Task 1

Some English and German words are identical. They are spelled the same and have the same meaning. For example: baby – Baby. Can you think of more examples?

Task 2

Look at the following English words. The German translations are similar, but they are spelled differently.

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| 1. young _____ | 2. boat _____ |
| 3. lamb _____ | 4. rhyme _____ |
| 5. paper _____ | 6. photo _____ |
| 7. salad _____ | 8. address _____ |
| 9. pistol _____ | 10. theatre _____ |
| 11. metre _____ | 12. canteen _____ |

Task 3

These English and German words look similar, but they have very different meanings. They are “false friends”. Look up the English and German translations in a dictionary. Can you find more?

English word	correct German translation	German false friend	correct English translation
also		also	
brand		Brand	
brave		brav	
brief		Brief	
caution		Kaution	
concept		Konzept	
craft		Kraft	

Offers and invitations

Task 1

Work with a partner. Take over the roles and act out the two mini-dialogues. Then swap (*tauschen*) roles.

An offer

Partner A: What an awful day!
Partner B: Would you like a cup of tea?
Partner A: Yes, please. That would be super!

An invitation

Partner B: I've just had a terrible shock!
Partner A: Would you like to tell me about it?
Partner B: Yes, I would.

Task 2

Work with a partner. Write a dialogue with an offer and a dialogue with an invitation. The words and phrases in the boxes below can help you. You can also add your own examples to the three boxes. Then act out the dialogues that you have written.

SITUATIONS

- My feet hurt.
- I hate walking!
- I missed my lunch and I'm really hungry.
- I'm thirsty.
- I feel very tired and dirty.

Your own examples:

OFFERS

- a chair
- a taxi
- a quick snack
- a cold drink
- a shower

Your own examples:

INVITATIONS

- to sit down
- to stop and have a rest
- to get something to eat
- to make coffee
- to use the bathroom

Your own examples:

Three brothers

Task 1

What can you say about Frank, Hank and Tank? Complete the sentences below. Use comparisons.



Example: **nice** Tank is nicer than Frank. But he isn't nicer than Hank.

Hank is the nicest brother.

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. old | Hank is _____ Frank and Tank. Hank is _____ brother. |
| 2. young | Frank is _____ Hank and Tank. Frank is _____ brother. |
| 3. tall | Tank is _____ brother. Hank is _____ Frank.
But he isn't _____ Tank. |
| 4. short | Frank is _____ brother. Frank is _____ Hank and Tank. |
| 5. hairy | Tank is _____ Frank. And Hank is _____ Tank.
Hank is _____ brother. |
| 6. long | Tank's hair is _____ Frank's. But it isn't _____ Hank's.
Hank's hair is _____. |

Task 2

In an exercise book, use the adjectives below to describe the three brothers.

more / most ... aggressive ... dangerous
 ... interesting ... boring ... frightening ... stupid
 ... intelligent

At a restaurant

Task 1

Jane is a waitress at a restaurant. Look at the menu below and look up any words you don't know in an English-German dictionary.

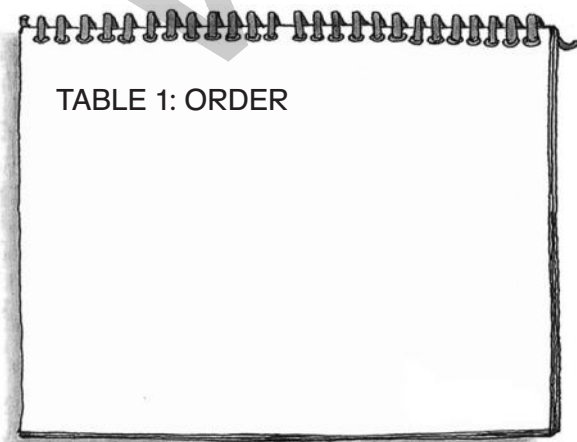
Beverly Hotel and Restaurant

STARTERS	MAIN COURSE	DESSERTS
tomato soup.....£1.80	cod fillet and chips.....£ 7.50	cassata ice cream.....£4.75
oxtail soup.....£2.00	rump steak with roast	Bavarian cream.....£5.25
prawn cocktail.....£3.50	potatoes.....£12.75	cherry compote.....£4.50
smoked salmon.....£4.50	Cumberland sausages	selection of cheeses..£5.00
German liver paté.....£3.25	with potato salad.....£ 8.50	German torte.....£4.90
	steak and kidney pie	
	with creamed potatoes.....£ 9.00	
	vegetarian casserole.....£ 6.50	

DRINKS		
Newcastle brown ale £2.80	house wine (red, white) ..£2.75 per glass	coffee.....£2.75
German pils.....£3.90	sparkling mineral water.....£2.00	tea.....£2.50
Devon strong cider...£3.75	still mineral water.....£2.00	fresh fruit juice.....£3.00

Task 2 "Track 14"

Now listen to Jane as she serves guests. Write down what they order. At the end of the meal the guests want to pay. Work with a partner and act out the dialogue on the right.



Jane: Did you enjoy your meal?

Guest: Yes, we did. It was excellent, thank you. We'd like the bill now, please.

Jane: Yes, I'll just check. For starters you had ... Then for your main course you had ... And for dessert you had ... Let me see. That makes a total of ... How would you like to pay, sir?

Guest: I'll pay cash.

Task 3

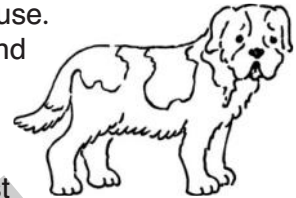
Work with a partner. Take over the roles of guest and waiter/waitress and act out similar dialogues.

A polite neighbour

Task 1

Read the following text. Then make a list of any words that you don't know. Compare your list with your partner's list.

Mr and Mrs Carlson were new in the area and they were looking for a house. One evening they visited a house that was for sale. There was a big and very dirty dog in the garden. Mr Carlson looked at it carefully before he opened the gate. It seemed friendly enough and it didn't bark when they walked up to the door of the house. It followed them and sat behind them as they rang the bell. As soon as the door opened, it pushed past them into the house. An elderly lady showed them around the house. The dog was a terrible nuisance. It followed them around from room to room. It left muddy tracks across all the carpets and it ate all the biscuits from a bowl in the kitchen. The elderly lady didn't say anything. When the tour of the house was over, she invited them to a cup of tea. As she poured the tea, the dog jumped onto the table. She ignored it and didn't say a word. Not even when the dog drank the milk in the jug and the sugar bowl fell to the floor and broke. She showed them her beautiful garden. She was very proud of it. But when the dog started digging up some flowers, she didn't say a word. She just looked away. The Carltons were amazed that the woman tolerated such behaviour. They liked the house and made an appointment with the woman for another visit. "Certainly," she told them, "but perhaps it would be better if you didn't bring your dog next time."



Task 2

Complete the sentences with the correct ending.

1. When you want to sell something, it is
 - a) for a price.
 - b) for money.
 - c) for sale.
2. Phones and doorbells both
 - a) beep.
 - b) ring.
 - c) buzz.
3. All females are women, but not all women are
 - a) countesses.
 - b) duchesses.
 - c) ladies.
4. If you agree to meet somebody at a certain time, you
 - a) make a deal.
 - b) make a fuss.
 - c) make an appointment.
5. The point of this story (*Moral der Geschichte*) is:
 - a) Hungry dogs haven't time to be polite.
 - b) Always be polite when you want to sell something.
 - c) Politeness can be taken too far.