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An adjective joke**Task 1**

Highlight the twelve adjectives in the following joke with a marker pen.

Two hungry cockroaches were eating rubbish in a dirty old dustbin.
 "I was in the kitchen of that new restaurant next door," said one. "It's very clean! Everything is spotless. The floor is gleaming white. The whole place is bright and shiny."
 "Please," said the other cockroach. "Don't use such horrible words while I'm eating!"

Task 2

List the twelve adjectives above in alphabetical order and look up the German equivalents in an English-German dictionary.

ENGLISH

GERMAN

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Task 3

Match the English adjectives with their German equivalents.

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1. careless | a) sinnlos |
| 2. helpless | b) wertlos |
| 3. priceless | c) nachlässig, schlampig |
| 4. senseless | d) unbezahlbar |
| 5. speechless | e) hilflos |
| 6. worthless | f) sprachlos |

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An adjective joke**Task 4**

Use a suitable adjective from the joke.

1. In the disco lights everyone's teeth were _____ white.
2. Tony missed breakfast and lunch and now he's very _____.
3. I don't think we know the _____ story yet.
4. I fell on the wet ground and now my T-shirt is _____.
5. We scrubbed the floor again and again until it wasn't just _____,
it was _____.
6. I bought this jacket yesterday. It's _____.
7. I saw something _____ and _____
on the ground. It was a gold coin!
8. Mr Brennan is 98. He's an _____ man.
9. I didn't like that joke. It was really _____.
10. I don't want the blue dress. I want the _____ one.

Task 5

Use an English-German dictionary and complete the translation of the joke.

Zwei hungrige _____ ¹aßen gerade _____ ²in einem schmutzigen alten _____ ³.„Ich war in der Küche jenes neuen Restaurants _____ ⁴,sagte die eine. „Es ist sehr sauber! Alles ist makellos. Der _____ ⁵

ist leuchtend weiß. Der ganze Ort ist hell und glänzend.“

„Bitte“, sagte die andere Küchenschabe, „benutze solche schrecklichen Wörter nicht,

_____ ⁶ ich esse!“

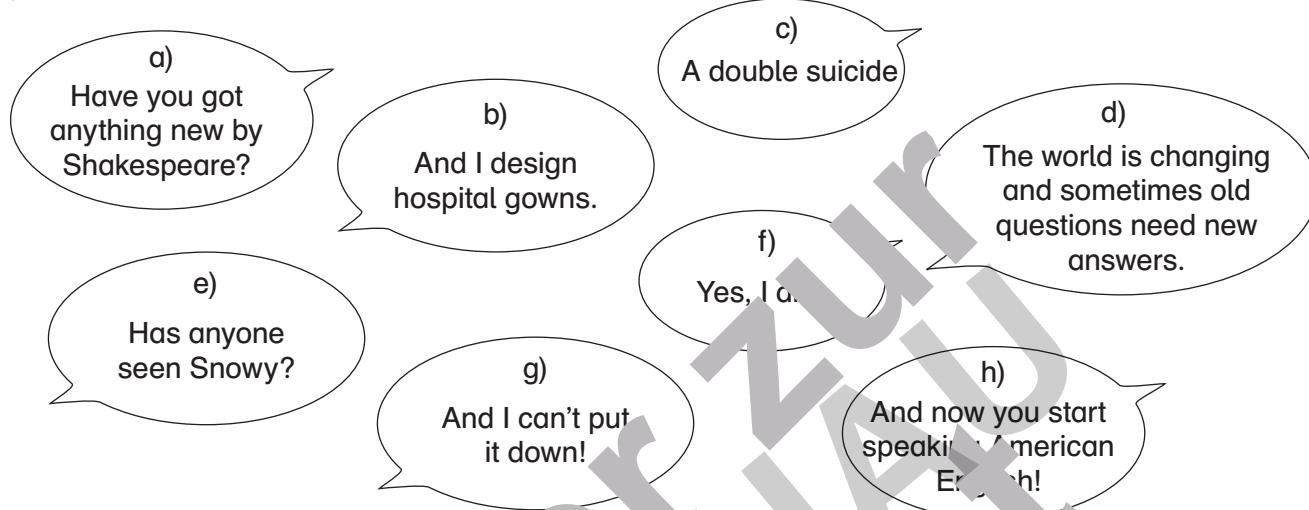
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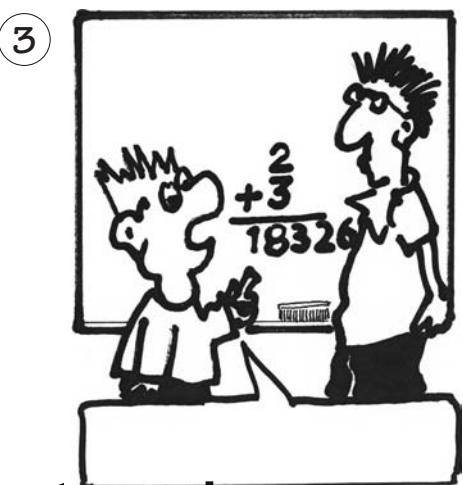
Task 1

Look at the eight cartoons. The missing punchlines (*Pointen*) are in the following box. Fill in the correct punchlines.



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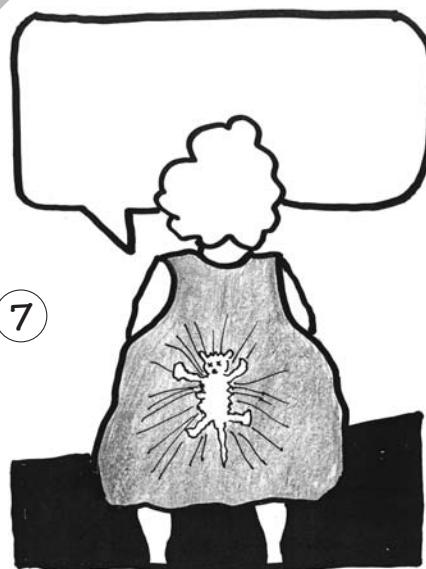
pints language level
1 Your English gets better.
2 Now it gets even better!
3 You speak fluent English.
4 Now you can sing in English.
5 You can suddenly remember lots of very funny jokes.
6 _____



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Cartoons**Task 2**

Find the words from the cartoons which fit these dictionary definitions. Then look in the box below and find the German equivalents.

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1. _____ – _____ noun
 a) a long dress for special occasions
 b) a long loose piece of black clothing worn over other clothes by lawyers, judges and university lecturers
 c) a long piece of clothing worn over other clothes to protect them, especially in a hospital

2. _____ – _____ noun
 a) the act of killing yourself
 b) a course of action that will probably ruin your career or your social position
 c) a person who commits suicide (*formal*)

3. _____ – _____ verb
 a) to become different
 b) to make somebody/something different

4. _____ – _____ noun
 a) a bitter alcoholic drink made from malted barley and hops
 b) a glass, bottle or can of ...

5. _____ – _____ noun
 a) the amount of something that exists in a particular situation at a particular time
 b) a particular standard or quality
 c) a position or rank in a scale of size or importance

6. _____ – _____ adjective
 a) (of a language) expressed easily and well
 b) (of an action) done in a smooth and skilful way

7. _____ – _____ verb
 a) to have an image in your memory of an event or a person or a place from the past
 b) to bring back to your mind a fact or piece of information that you knew
 c) to keep an important fact in your mind

8. _____ – _____ pronoun
 any person at all; it doesn't matter who

Bier	<i>irgendjemand</i>	<i>sich an etwas erinnern</i>	Selbstmord	<i>fließend</i>
Niveau	Kittel	(sich) verändern		

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Riddles

A riddle is a question with a surprising or funny answer.

Task

Read the questions (1–10) and find the answers (A–J).

1. What starts with E, ends with E and only has one letter?
 2. If you drop a white hat into the Red Sea, what does it become?
 3. What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
 4. What travels around the world and stays in a corner?
 5. What is white when it's dirty and black when it's clean?
 6. What goes Oh, Oh, Oh?
 7. Why are there so many Smiths in the phone book?
 8. Why do gorillas have big nostrils (*Nasenlocher*)?
 9. Which side of a cat has more hairs?
 10. On what kind of nuts can you hang pictures?
- A. A stamp.
B. Because they have big fat fingers.
C. A blackboard.
D. Walnuts.
E. They all have phones.
F. An envelope (*Briefumschlag*).
G. A stick (*Stock*).
H. The outside.
I. Wet.
J. Santa Claus walking backwards.

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10



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Passive humour**Task 1**

Read the stories and underline or highlight all the passive verb forms.

1. There was a big storm and my local pub was flooded. The dirty carpets were thrown out and the furniture was cleaned. When I went in, I saw that the floor was still very dirty. A notice had been stuck on the door. It said: "Please wipe your feet before you leave."

2. Clement Freud is a famous food critic in Britain. He told a newspaper that his epitaph (*Grabinschrift*) had already been chosen. On his gravestone would be written: "Best before ..." (*Verfallsdatum*), followed by his date of death.

3. Economists are people that have been put on earth to make other people look good.

4. The following notice was seen in a hospital in San Diego, California: "Persons experiencing chest pains, severe leg cramps and extreme shortness of breath should be carefully watched until they have completely disappeared."

5. When the British comedy film "The Pope Must Die" was advertised on American television, there were lots of protests from religious groups about the title. They thought it was offensive. The makers of the film were told that the title of the film had to be changed. This was a big problem because thousands of posters had already been printed. The best suggestion was made by the chubby (*pummelig*) star of the film, Robbie Coltrane. His suggestion was chosen and so this film is now officially called "The Pope Must Diet" in the USA. And the posters? They weren't changed. "The different title wasn't even noticed," commented Robbie.

6. After it was discovered that baby chimpanzees are taught by their mothers to make and use simple tools, the old definition of man as the tool-making and tool-using primate was no longer true. "The definition had to be changed," said Dr Louis Leakey. "It was either that or invite the chimpanzees to send a representative (*Vertreter*) to the United Nations. The problem was discussed and a new definition was formulated."

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7. An editor in a big Berlin educational publishing company came home one day and said to his wife: "I think things are going well for me in the firm. I'm now being insulted by more important people."

8. As he watched the operation, the new medical student felt sick. He was told by a nurse to sit on the floor and put his head between his knees. Just then two other new medical students came in. When they saw the first student, they sat on the floor next to him and put their heads between their knees. After about five minutes one of the students whispered, "When will we be allowed to look?"

9. In 1904 Octave Chanute, a French aviation pioneer (*Flugpionier*), made this prediction: "Flying machines in the future will eventually be fast. They will be used in sport, but passengers will never be carried in them."

10. Margaret had to have an operation on her jaw ("Kiefer"). She's a strict vegetarian and her favorite food is raw carrots and celery. She asked the orthodontist if she would be allowed to eat these raw vegetables after the operation. He wrote her a note, put it in an envelope and told her not to open it until after her operation. After the operation Margaret opened the envelope and read the note. It said: "Raw celery and carrots may be eaten only if they are dead."

11. Tommy applied for a job with a removals firm (*Umzugsfirma*). Tommy was given an interview. When he arrived, he discovered that there were nine other applicants for the job. They were shown a big safe and they were asked if they could move it from one corner of the room to the other. One after the other the applicants tried to move the heavy safe. It was very heavy and only one of them managed to move it, but only for a metre or so. When Tommy's turn came, he walked up to the safe, looked at it and said, "Are you kidding? (*Ist das ein Witz?*) This safe can't be moved by one man!" Tommy got the job.

Task 2

Make a list of all the words you don't understand. Then compare your list with your classmates' lists. If there are still words that you don't understand, look them up in an English-German dictionary.



Task 1:

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|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1. care | 2. boughs | 3. pass | 4. night |
| 5. dance | 6. can | 7. stare | |

Task 2:

Leisure

Task 3:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. full – <i>voll</i> | 2. enrich – <i>bereichern</i> | 3. poor – <i>arm, armselig</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|

Task 4:**Across:**

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|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 1. stream | 2. mouth | 3. poor | 5. glance |
| 7. life | 8. nut | 9. cow | 11. stand |
| 12. sheep | 15. smile | 16. sky | 17. bough |

Down:

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|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1. squirrel | 4. feet | 6. belt | 9. care |
| 10. woods | 11. stare | 13. hair | 14. eyes |

Task 5:

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| 1. guitars – stars | 2. cheap – sheep | 3. eyes – skies | 4. hair – stare |
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Task 1:

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| hungry | dirty | old | new |
| clean | spotless | cleaning | white |
| whole | bright | shiny | horrible |

Task 2:

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|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. <i>gesättigt</i> – hungry | 2. clean – <i>rein</i> | 3. dirty – <i>schmutzig</i> |
| 4. <i>grauenvoll</i> – <i>auschärfend</i> | 5. horrible – <i>schrecklich</i> | 6. hungry – <i>hungrig</i> |
| 7. new – <i>neu</i> | 8. old – <i>alt</i> | 9. shiny – <i>glänzend</i> |
| 10. spotless – <i>makellos</i> | 11. bright – <i>leuchtend</i> | 12. whole – <i>ganz</i> |

Task 3:

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| 1. c | 2. e | 3. d | 4. a |
| 5. f | 6. b | | |

Task 4:

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|--------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| 1. gleaming | 2. hungry | 3. whole | 4. dirty |
| 5. clean, spotless | 6. new | 7. bright, shiny | 8. old |
| 9. horrible | 10. white | | |

Task 5:

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| 1. Küchenschaben | 2. Abfall | 3. Müllheimer | 4. nebenan |
| 5. Fußboden | 6. während | | |

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Task 1:

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| 1. f | 2. h | 3. d | 4. a |
| 5. g | 6. b | 7. e | 8. c |

Task 2:

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| 1. gown – <i>Kittel</i> | 2. suicide – <i>Selbstmord</i> | 3. change –(sich) verändern |
| 4. beer – <i>Bier</i> | 5. level – <i>Niveau</i> | 6. fluent – <i>fließend</i> |
| 7. remember – <i>sich an etwas erinnern</i> | 8. anyone – <i>jemand</i> | |

Station 4: Limericks

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Task 1:

- A, B, B, A

Task 2:

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|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. nose | 2. chose | 3. middle | 4. riddle |
| 5. goes | | | |

Task 3:

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| 2. verb – caught – <i>fangen</i> | 3. verb – say – <i>sagen</i> |
| 4. verb – spit, spat | 5. noun – <i>Decke</i> |
| 6. noun – <i>Rätsel</i> | 7. noun – <i>Riechen</i> ("Mots, 't auf centre") |

Task 4:

Limerick 1:

A man with a very bad sore blister
made his girlfriend's heart flutter.
They married in IJJslande,
And for their honeymoon
They spent two weeks in CCCCalcutta.

Limerick 2:

There was a young lady named Cleo
Who ran off with her boyfriend to Rio.
He found good employment,
What spoilt their enjoyment
Was the news that they'd soon be a trio!

Task 5:

Individual solutions

Station 5: Puns

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Task 1:

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|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. grass | 2. came back | 3. hit | 4. prophet |
| 5. pointless | 6. change | 7. pupils | 8. whine |
| 9. flies like, flies like | | | |

Task 2:

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|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1. allowed | 2. aloud | 3. bear | 4. bare |
| 5. break | 6. brake | 7. caught | 8. court |
| 9. find | 10. fined | 11. flower | 12. flour |
| 13. hair | 14. hare | 15. here | 16. hear |
| 17. hour | 18. our | 19. piece | 20. peace |
| 21. saw | 22. sore | | |

Station 6: Riddles

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Task:

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|------|-------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. I | 3. G | 4. A |
| 5. C | 6. J | 7. E | 8. B |
| 9. H | 10. D | | |

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Station 7: Anonymous nonsense

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Task:

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1. store | 2. ashore | 3. plank | 4. sank |
| 5. tanker | 6. crew | 7. anchor | |

Station 8: Passive humour

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Task 1:

1. was flooded, were thrown out, was cleaned, had been stuck
2. has been chosen, will be written
3. have been put
4. was seen, should be watched
5. was advertised, were told, must be changed, had been printed, were made, were chosen, is called, weren't changed, wasn't noticed
6. was discovered, are taught, had to be changed, was discussed, was formulated
7. 'm being insulted
8. was told, will be allowed
9. will be used, will be copied
10. would be allowed to eat, may be eaten, are cooked
11. was given, were shown, were asked, can't be moved

Task 2:

Individual tasks

Station 1: A strange patient!

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Task 1:

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|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Patient | 2. Mann | 3. geht | 4. Arzt |
| 5. Essiggurke | 6. Nase | 7. Karotte | 8. Ohr |
| 9. Herr Doktor | 10. was | 11. nicht in Ordnung | 12. sieht an |
| 13. einfach | 14. sich ernähren | 15. richtig | |

Task 2:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. apple – Apfel | 2. cherry – Kirsche | 3. gooseberry – Stachelbeere |
| 4. lemon – Zitrone | 5. orange – Apfelsine | 6. pineapple – Ananas |
| 7. cauliflower – Blumenkohl | 8. potato – Kartoffel | 9. pumpkin – Kürbis |
| 10. lettuce – Salatkopf | 11. pea – Erbse | 12. tomato – Tomate |
| 13. cheek – Wange | 14. chin – Kinn | 15. eyebrow – Augenbraue |
| 16. hair – Haare | 17. mouth – Mund | 18. eye – Auge |

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