

German

Talk about school life [1 / 3]
- Present tense verbs “he/she”

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sagen



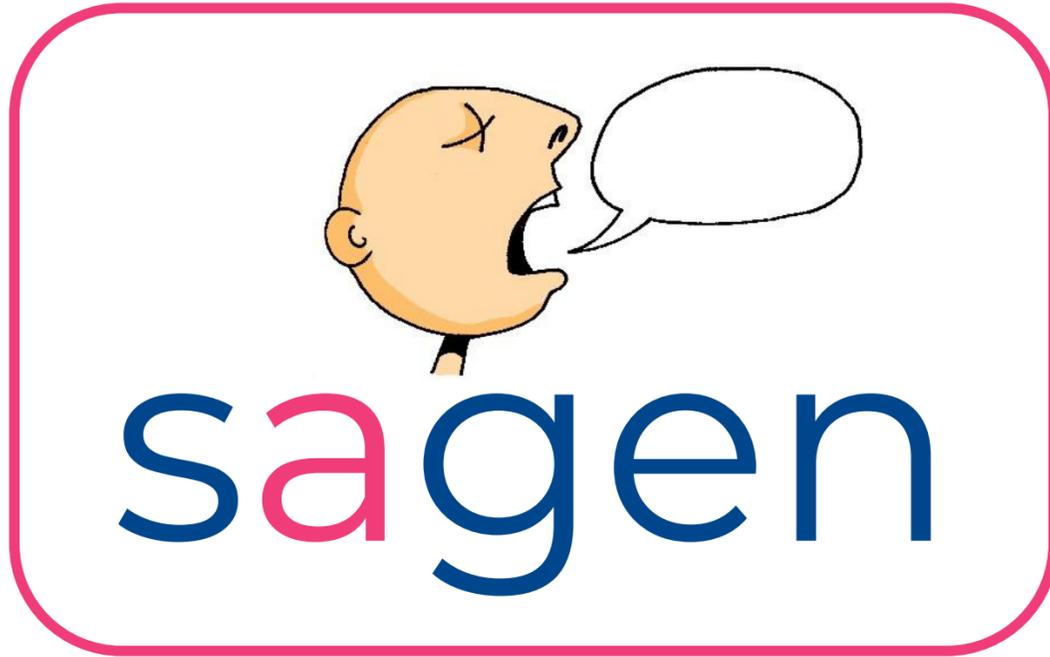
Paar



fahren



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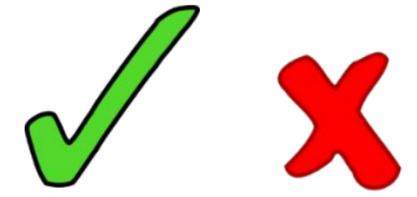
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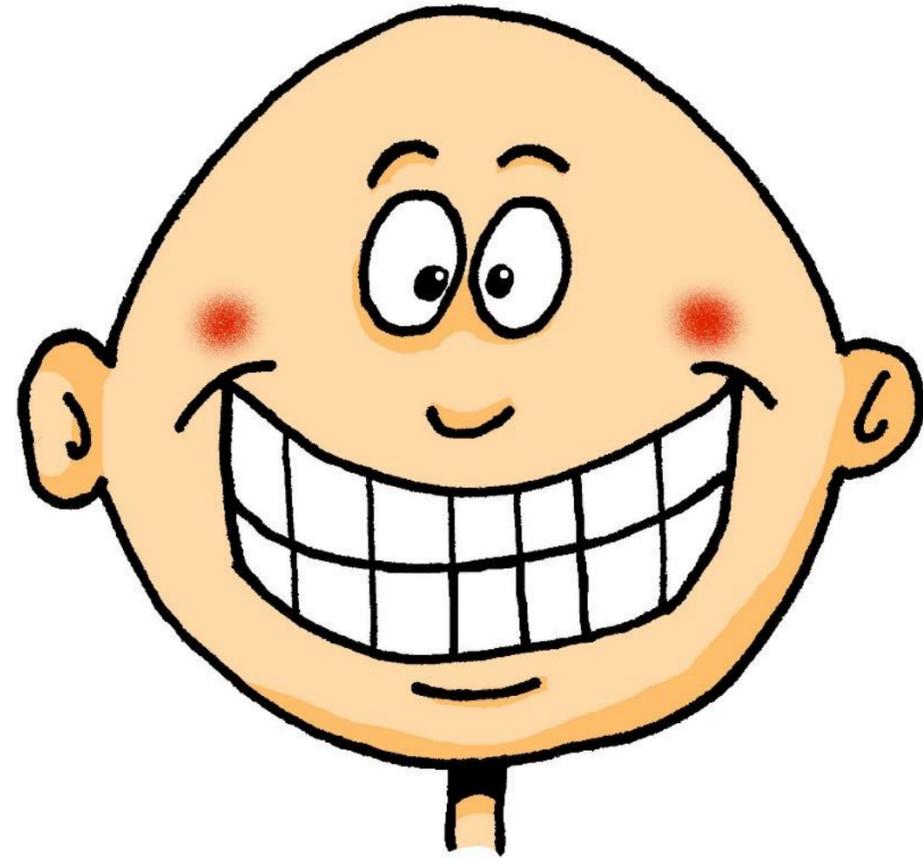
haben



Tag



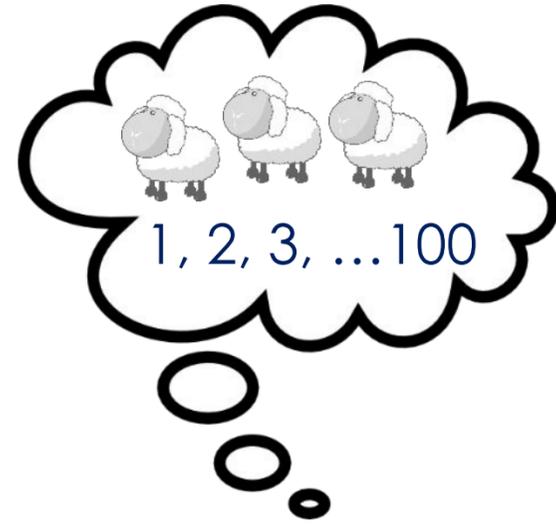
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[ɛ]



lächeln



zählen



Nähe



ä



spät

erklären
[to explain]

ähnlich



wählen



heißen	to be called
gehen	to go, walk
fahren	to go, travel
lernen	to learn
tragen	to wear
sehen	to see



What is a weak verb?

Reminder: the present tense is talking about **what's happening now** or **what usually happens**.

A **weak** verb is also known as a **regular** verb.

This is because the **conjugations follow the same pattern**.

Conjugation is when the **ending on the verb changes** depending on who or what is doing the verb

I play
he/she play**s**



Infinitive verb

Means “to something”

In German, end in **-en**

lernen**en**

heißen**en**

gehen**en**

er/sie conjugation

er/sie means “he/she”

Take the **-en** off the infinitive

Add the conjugation which is **-t**

er/sie lernt**t**

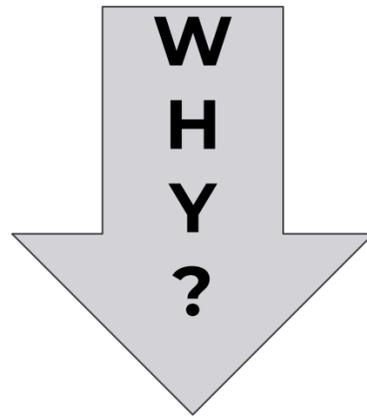
er/sie heißt**t**

er/sie geht**t**



What is a strong verb?

A **strong** verb is also known as an **irregular** verb.



The **conjugations are a bit different.**



Infinitive verb

Means “to something”

In German, end in **-en**

fahren**en**

tragen**en**

sehen**en**

er/sie conjugation

er/sie means “he/she”

Take the **-en** off the infinitive

Add the conjugation which is **-t**

Add an **umlaut** to the [ä]

er/sie fährt**t**

er/sie trägt**t**

Or there is a **vowel change**

er/sie sieht**t**



haben - to have

sein - to be

Both very irregular verb conjugations

haben

to have

sein

to be

er/sie **hat**

he/she has

er/sie **ist**

he/she is



The present tense:

1. The present tense is used for **what is happening now** and **what usually happens**
2. Weak verbs are also known as **regular** verbs.
3. The *er/sie* conjugation ends in the letter **-t**.
4. Verbs like *fahren* and *tragen* are known as **strong** Verbs.
5. The verbs *haben* and *sein* mean *to have* and **to be**.



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