

German

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- Modal verbs with subordinating conjunctions
weil and *obwohl*

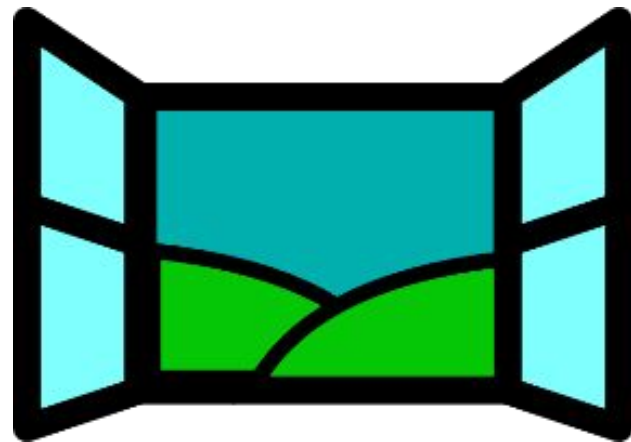
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wollen



offen



O



Kopf

obwohl
[although]

Woche

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kommen
[to come]

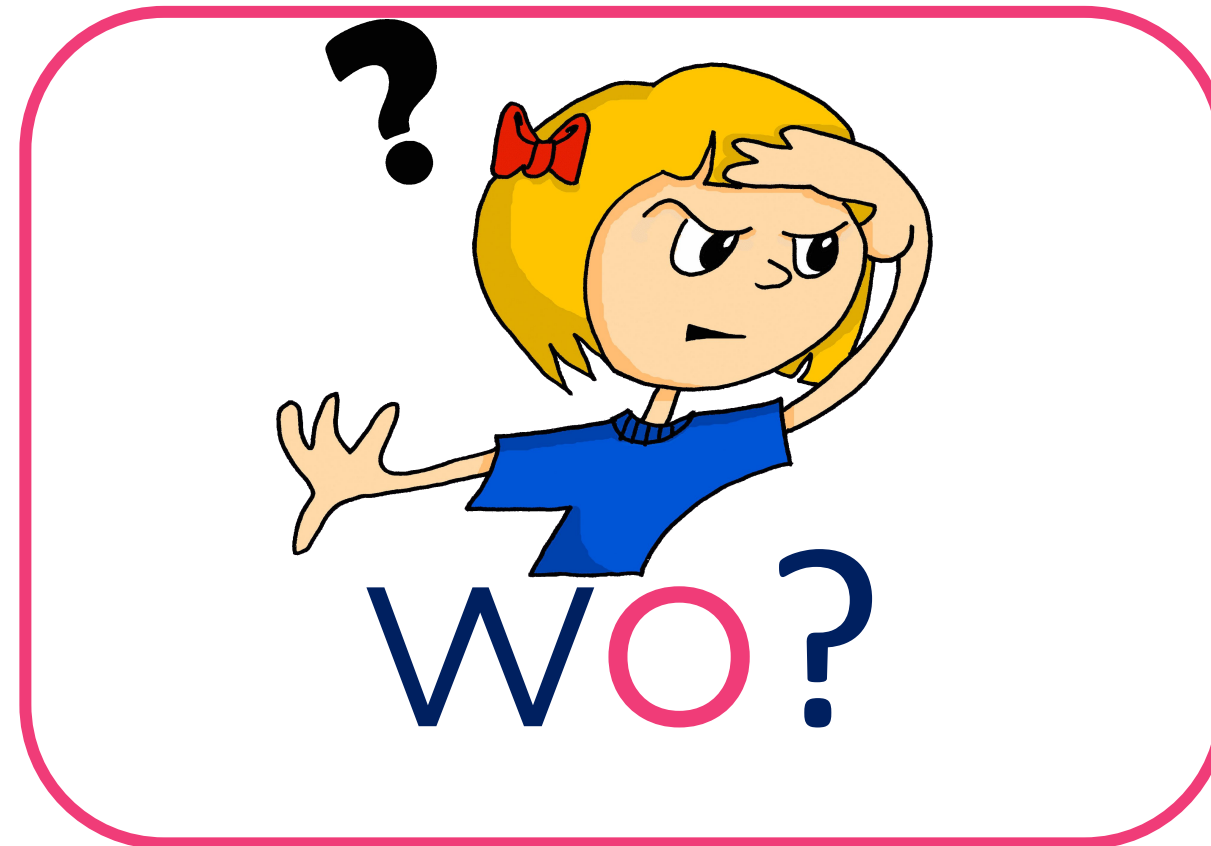
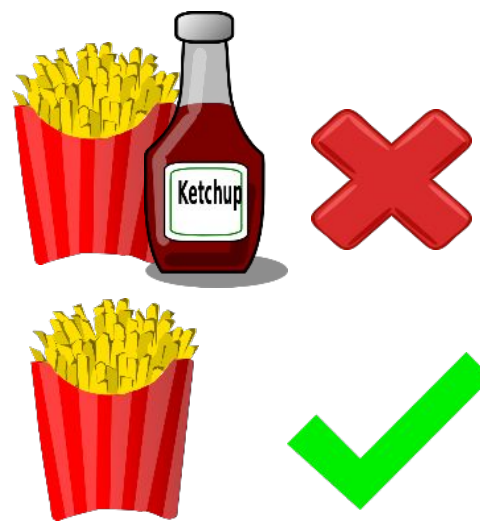


O

wohnen



ohne



obwohl
[although]

Montag

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Schulhof



Reminder: key points

dürfen to be allowed to
müssen to have to
können to be able to

All **modal verbs** so have to come with an **infinitive** as well.

Ich **muss** in der Bibliothek **arbeiten**. I have to work in the library.

Modal verb **2nd idea** and infinitive at the **end of the sentence**.



Dürfen, müssen, können

All **strong (irregular) verbs** so the conjugations are a bit different.

ich

darf

muss

kann

du

darfst

musst

kannst

er / sie / man

darf

muss

kann

wir

dürfen

müssen

können

sie / Sie

dürfen

müssen

können

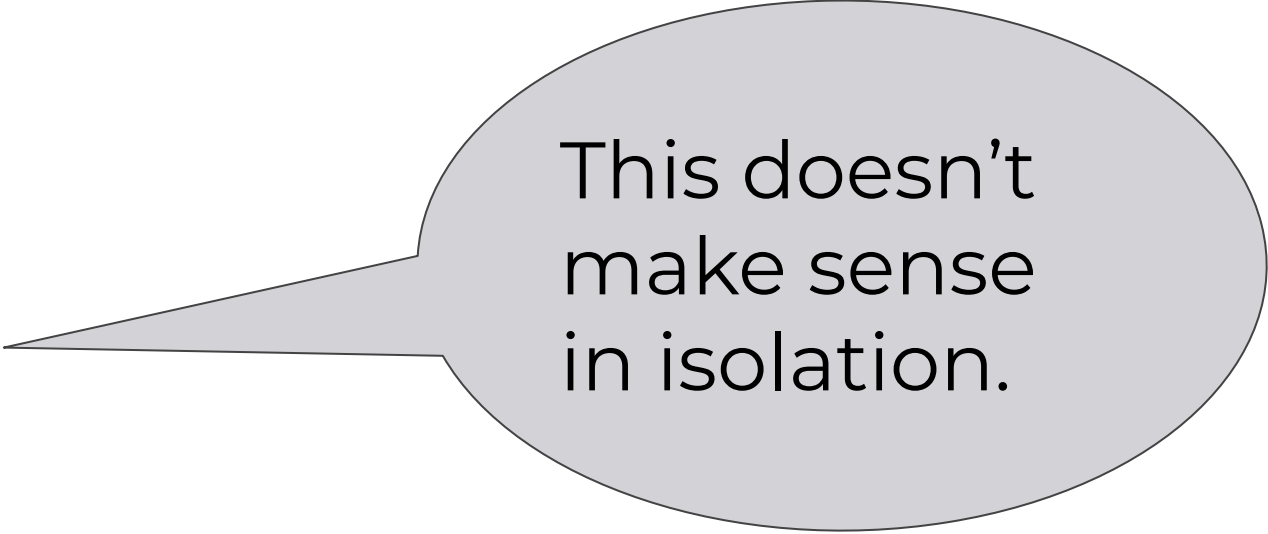


A reminder about subordinating conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions introduce a **subordinate clause**.

This is a clause (part of a sentence) which cannot exist on its own.

Because my teacher is entertaining.



This doesn't
make sense
in isolation.

German is my favourite subject **because** my teacher is entertaining.



Word order



When you see **weil** the
verb runs a mile.

This means the **main verb** (normally 2nd idea) goes
to the **end of the clause**.



Beispiel (example)

main verb

Ich finde die Schulregeln ungerecht. Wir **müssen** eine Uniform tragen.

Ich finde die Schulregeln ungerecht. Wir **müssen** eine Uniform tragen.

Ich finde die Schulregeln ungerecht, **weil** wir eine Uniform tragen **müssen**.

Two verbs next to each other at the end of the sentence.



Obwohl

obwohl means “although” and the word order is the same as with **weil**.

Ich finde die Schulregeln gerecht. Wir **müssen** eine Uniform tragen.



Ich finde die Schulregeln gerecht, **obwohl** wir eine Uniform tragen **müssen**.

Two verbs next to each other
at the end of the sentence.



ruhig	quiet
pünktlich	punctual
höflich	polite
die Bibliothek	library
der Computerraum	computer room
das Lehrerzimmer	staffroom
der Schulhof	playground
die Aula	school hall
(un)gerecht	(un)fair



Modal verbs with subordinating conjunctions:

1. *Dürfen, müssen* and *können* are collectively known as **modal verbs**.
2. A subordinate clause cannot exist **on its own**
3. When using a subordinating conjunction, the **main** verb goes to the end of the sentence.
4. The conjunction *obwohl* means **although**
5. When using a subordinating conjunction in a modal verb sentence, there will be **two** verbs at the end of the sentence.

