

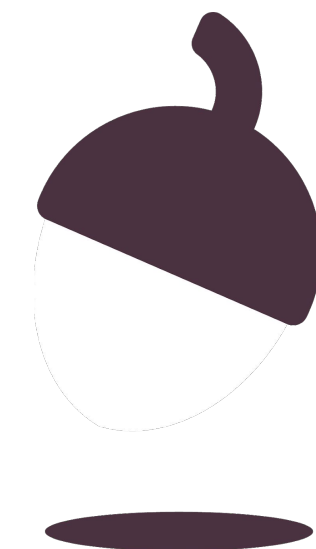
German

Saying how you do things and how you enjoy them (Part 2/2)

- Using adverbs of time and combining them with adverbs of manner in sentences in the present tense**

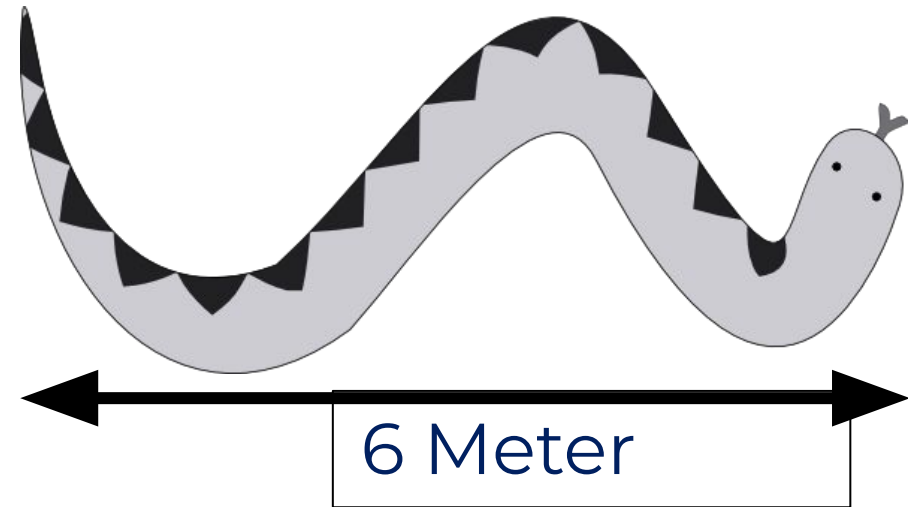
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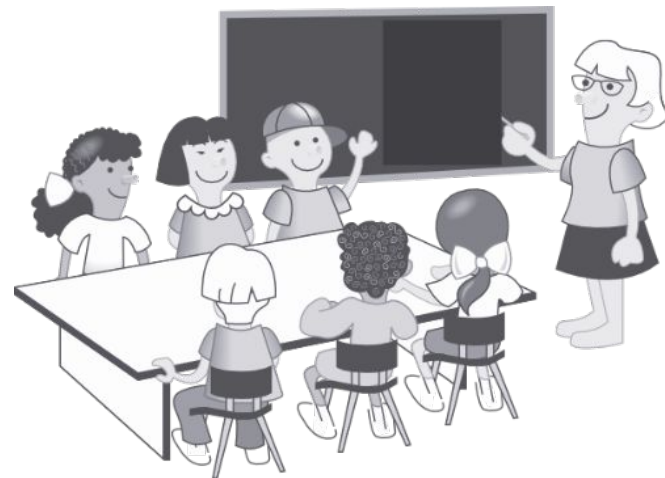


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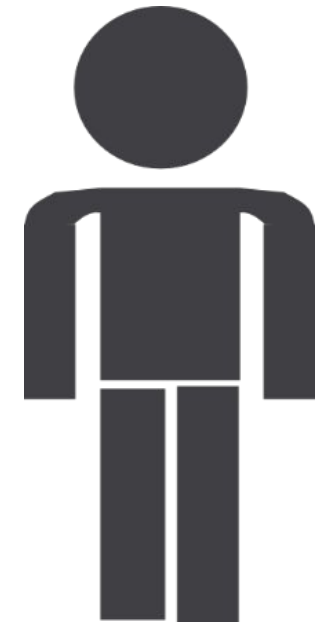
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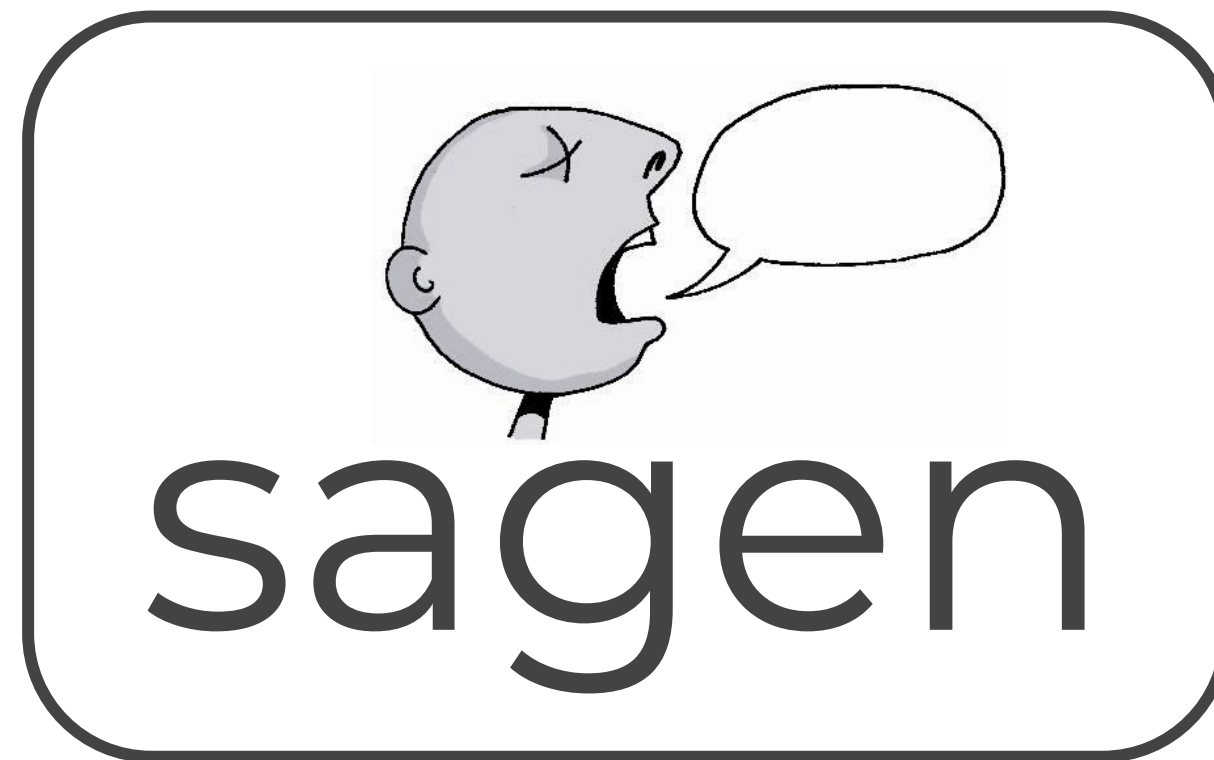
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Tag



Adverbs of time eg. manchmal, oft, normalerweise, gewöhnlich, can be added to sentences to say when or how often you do or don't do something



Ich spiele **oft** Tennis.

subject

verb

adverb

object

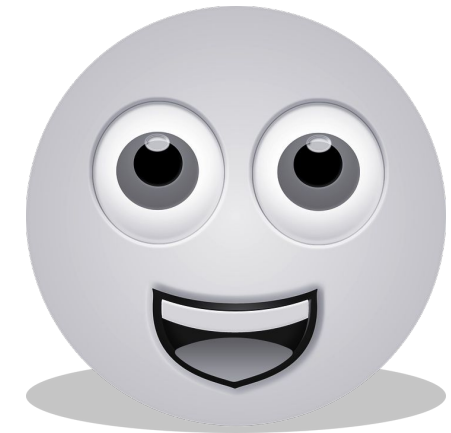
I play **often** Tennis.

subject

verb

adverb

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They can also be combined with adverbs of manner (see lesson 1). if they are, the adverb of time goes before the adverb of manner

Ich spiele **oft** **gern** Tennis.

subject

verb

adverb
of time

adverb
of
manner

object



I play **often** **willingly** Tennis.

subject

verb

adverb
of time

adverb
of
manner

object



Noch Beispiele!

Ich spiele manchmal gern Fußball = *I play sometimes willingly football = I sometimes like playing football*

Ich spiele manchmal nicht gern Fußball = *I play sometimes not willingly football = I sometimes don't like playing football*

Ich spiele manchmal sehr gern Fußball = *I play sometimes very willingly football = I sometimes like playing football very much*

Ich spiele manchmal gar nicht gern Fußball = *I play sometimes not at all willingly football = I sometimes really don't like playing football*



Füll die Lücken aus!

1. *My brother normally really likes playing rugby*

Mein Bruder spielt normalerweise sehr gern Rugby



2. *I never really like eating meat*

Ich esse nie sehr gern Fleisch



3. *My (female) friends always like going shopping*

Meine Freundinnen gehen immer gern einkaufen



4. *I rarely watch TV*

Ich sehe selten fern



5. *You go swimming now and then, don't you?*

Du gehst ab und zu schwimmen, nicht wahr?



However, it is also possible to start a sentence in German with an adverb of time, or a time phrase. Here is an example from Unit 3 Lesson 1:



Am Sonntag liest er ein Buch

Time
phrase

Verb

Subject

Object



Notice how this is different from English word order:

On Sunday he reads a book

Time
phrase

Subject

verb

object



Likewise, we can also start German sentences with adverbs of time

Oft spiele ich **gern** Tennis.

adverb
of time

verb

subject

adverb
of
manner

object



Notice how this is different from English word order:

Often I play willingly tennis = Often I like playing tennis

adverb
of time

subject

verb

adverb
of
manner

object



Füll die Lücken aus!

1. Sometimes, my brother plays computer games on his own

Manchmal spielt mein Bruder allein Computerspiele



2. Normally I eat chocolate very quickly

Normalerweise esse ich sehr schnell Schokolade



3. Today my parents are definitely going shopping

Heute gehen meine Eltern bestimmt einkaufen



4. Now and then I prefer cycling (I go rather bike)

Ab und zu fahre ich lieber Rad



5. Tomorrow you are probably doing your homework, aren't you?

Morgen machst du wahrscheinlich deine Hausaufgaben, nicht wahr?



Summary of learning

In German, adverbs of time can follow directly after the verb, unlike in English, where they often follow the subject, or go at the end

Eg I sometimes play football = I play sometimes football
= ich spiele manchmal Fußball

Adverbs of time come before adverbs of manner

eg I sometimes like playing football = Ich spiele manchmal gern Fußball

However, you can also start a sentence with adverbs of time

eg. Sometimes, I play willingly football = sometimes I like playing football

Manchmal spiele ich gern Fußball

