

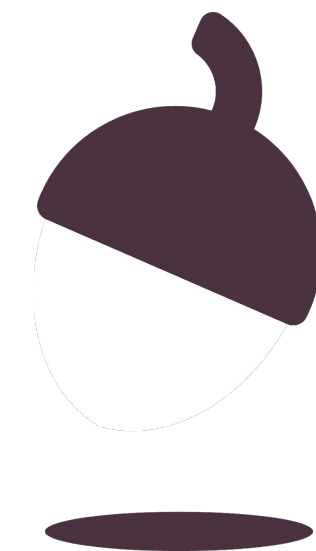
German

Pros and cons of where you live (Part 2/2)

- further practice of "sollen" "können" and "müssen"
- difference between man konnte and man könnte

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Pros and cons of where you live (Part 2/2)

- Phonics focus [o] [ö]
- Vocabulary - places in town
- Practice with "man konnte" and "man könnte"+ infinitive
- Speaking with prompts
- Reading task
- Writing task - sentences from prompts
- Summarising learning

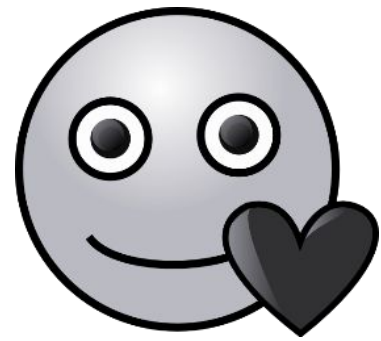


Teacher language (German)

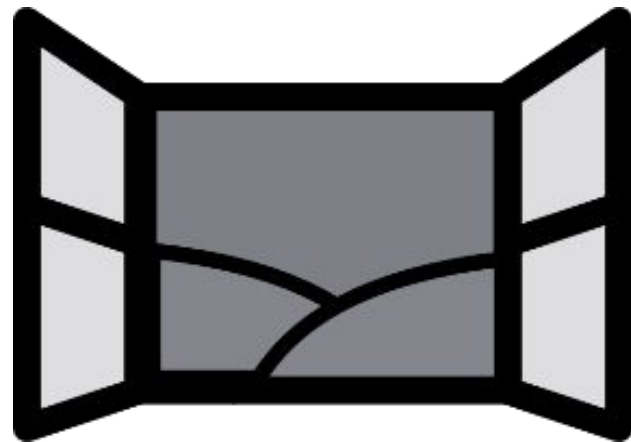
Bist du bereit?	Are you ready?
Los geht's!	Let's go!
Sag mir (die Antwort)	Tell me (the answer)
Zeig das richtige Wort/den richtigen Satz	Show the correct word / sentence.
Wie sagt man auf Englisch / Deutsch?	How do you say in English / German ?
Hör zu!	Listen!
Schreib es auf!	Write it down!
Wiederhole!	Repeat!
Stopp das Video.	Stop the video.



wollen



offen



O



Kopf

noch
[still]

Woche

A small calendar grid with days of the week as headers. The first row (Monday to Sunday) is circled in black, representing the word 'Woche' (week).

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

kommen
[to come]



Bevölkerung



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plötzlich

öffentlich
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öffnen



Töpfe	öffnen	könnte
<i>pots</i>	<i>to open</i>	<i>could (would be able to)</i>

Topf	offen	konnte
<i>pot</i>	<i>open</i>	could (was able to)



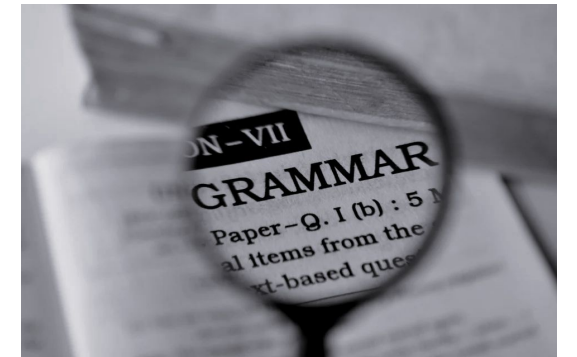
der Baum("e)	<i>tree(s)</i>
der Spielplatz("e)	<i>playground(s)</i>
der Abfall ("e)	<i>litter</i>
der Lärm(-)	<i>noise</i>
die Verschmutzung	<i>pollution</i>
die Obdachlosigkeit	<i>homelessness</i>
das Verbrechen	<i>crime</i>
gefährlich	<i>dangerous</i>
verbessern	<i>to improve</i>
brauchen	<i>to need</i>



**The word “could” actually has two different meanings in English.
Compare the following two sentences**

1. I could do the task, because it was easy

2. I could do the task, if I had more time



In the first sentence, "could" means "was able to"
I was able to do the task, because it was easy

In the second sentence, "could" means "would be able to"
I would be able to do the task, if I had more time



In German, the word "could" is translated slightly differently in each sentence

1. I could do the task, because it was easy

Ich konnte die Aufgabe machen, weil sie einfach war

2. I could do the task, if I had more time

Ich könnte die Aufgabe machen, wenn ich mehr Zeit hätte

In the first sentence, "could" translates as "konnte"

I was able to do the task because it was easy

In the second sentence, "could" translates as "könnte"

I would be able to do the task, if I had more time



können = to be able to. In the previous lesson we looked at the imperfect subjunctive of können being used to translate "could/would be able to" in English. Here is a reminder!

ich	könnte	<i>I could/would be able to</i>
du	könntest	<i>you could/would be able to</i>
er/sie/es/man	könnte	<i>he/she/it/one could/would be able to</i>
wir	könnten	<i>we could/would be able to</i>
ihr	könntet	<i>you could/would be able to</i>
sie	könnten	<i>they could/would be able to</i>
Sie	könnten	<i>you could/would be able to</i>

z.B. Man könnte Autos in der Innenstadt verbieten= One could/would be able to keep cars out of the town centre



The imperfect indicative, or simple past tense, is almost the same, but the umlaut is missing!

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"Was/were able to" (A) or "would be able to"(B)?

1. *Fortunately, they could do it, because they had enough time*

A Leider konnte man es tun, weil man genug Zeit hatte

2. *Why couldn't you do what you were told?*

A Warum konntest du das nicht tun, was man dir gesagt hat?

3. *They couldn't build a new sports centre last year*

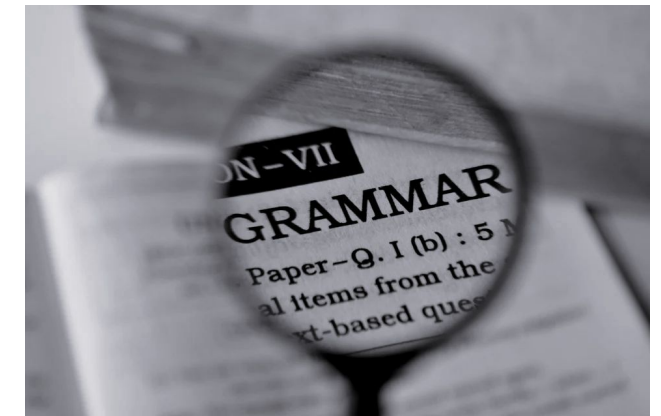
A Man konnte letztes Jahr kein neues Sportzentrum bauen

4. *We could build a new sports centre next year*

B Wir könnten nächstes Jahr ein neues Sportzentrum bauen

5. *I couldn't do it, even if I had the time*

B Ich könnte es nicht tun, auch wenn ich die Zeit hätte



Summary of learning

In German, man sollte (one should), man könnte (one could) and man muss (one must) are useful phrases for talking about how your area could be improved. They are used with infinitives which go to the end. However, you should be careful to distinguish konnte from könnte

Eg One could (was able to) create green spaces = man konnte Grünanlagen schaffen

Eg One could (would be able to) create green spaces = man könnte Grünanlagen schaffen

Eg One should build cycle paths = man sollte Fahrradwege bauen

Eg One must reduce traffic jams = man muss Staus reduzieren

