

German

## Describing where you live [3 / 3]

- use of "es gäbe"
- talking about my ideal town

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# Phonetik



Spaß  
[fun] (noun)



sprechen

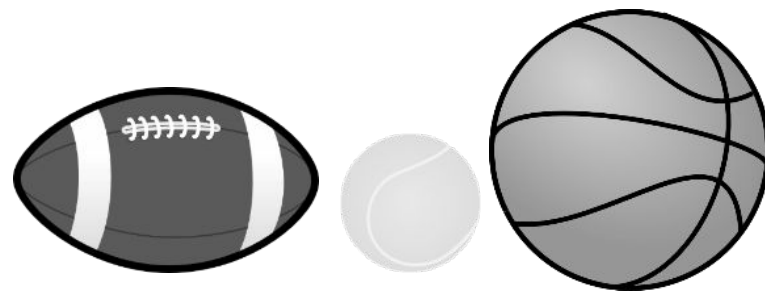


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spielen

Sport



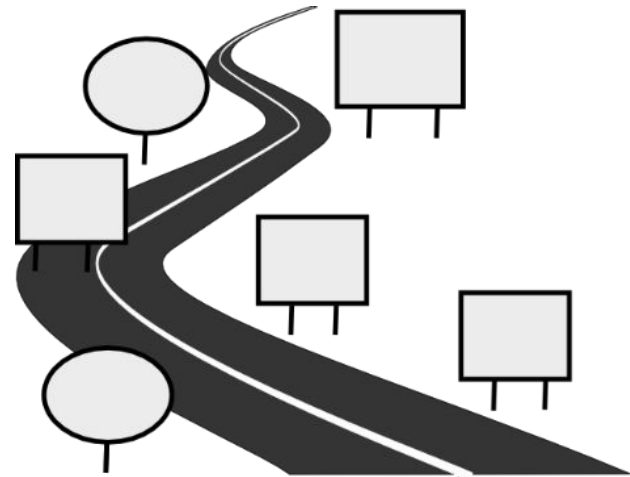
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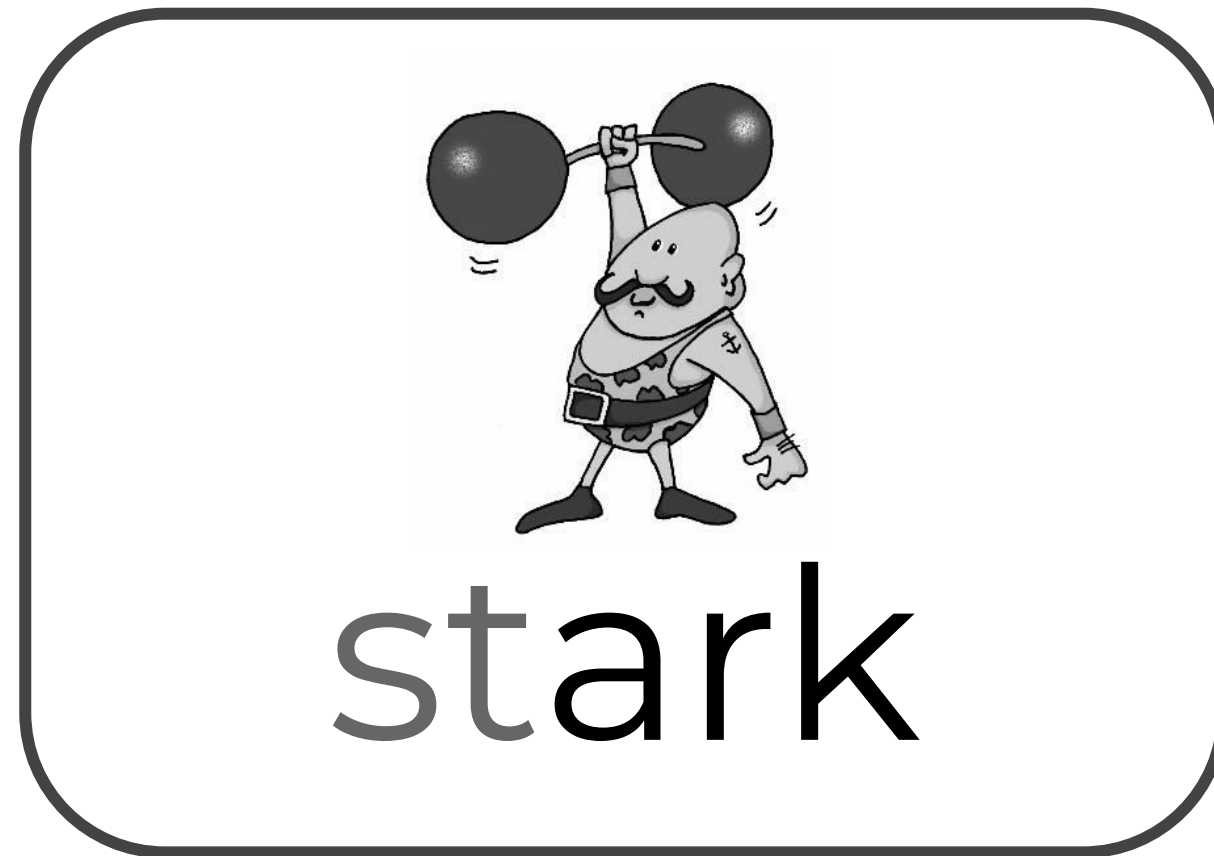
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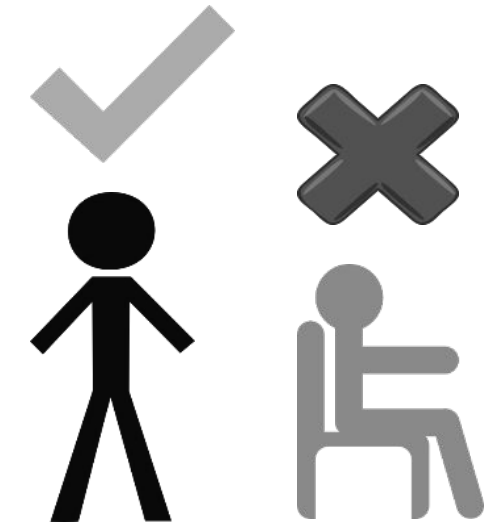
Straße



st



stehen



Stadt



verstehen  
[to understand]

bestimmt  
[certain/special/specific]

|                 |                  |                    |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Spende          | Spritze          | Sprudel            |
| <i>donation</i> | <i>injection</i> | <i>fizzy water</i> |

|                |                    |                  |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Stadion        | Stunde             | Streit           |
| <i>stadium</i> | <i>hour/lesson</i> | argument/quarrel |







# Grammatik

Using "es gäbe" + accusative

"es hätte"    "es wäre"



**es gäbe** = *there would be*. Just like **es gibt**, **es gab** and **es wird geben** this phrase is used with nouns in the accusative. The noun follows **es gäbe**.

|                             | Masculine                           | Feminine                           | Neuter                                 | Plural                              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Nominative</b>           | ein<br>Freizeitpark                 | eine Eisbahn                       | ein<br>Sportzentrum                    | (viele) Klubs                       |
| <b>Es gäbe + accusative</b> | einen<br>Freizeitpark               | eine Eisbahn                       | ein<br>Sportzentrum                    | (viele) Klubs                       |
| <b>Translation</b>          | <i>there would be a theme park.</i> | <i>there would be an ice rink.</i> | <i>there would be a sports centre.</i> | <i>there would be (many) clubs.</i> |



**es gäbe** = *there would be*. Just like **es gibt**, **es gab** and **es wird geben** this phrase could be followed by the negative article to say that *there wouldn't be something*.

|                             | Masculine                               | Feminine                               | Neuter                                     | Plural                                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Nominative</b>           | ein<br>Freizeitpark                     | eine Eisbahn                           | ein<br>Sportzentrum                        | (viele) Klubs                          |
| <b>Es gäbe + accusative</b> | keinen<br>Freizeitpark                  | keine Eisbahn                          | kein<br>Sportzentrum                       | (keine) Klubs                          |
| <b>Translation</b>          | <i>there would not be a theme park.</i> | <i>there would not be an ice rink.</i> | <i>there would not be a sports centre.</i> | <i>there would not be (any) clubs.</i> |





Can you change the noun after es gäbe? Use the indefinite article. We will use some nouns from previous lessons!

| Noun                      | Noun with es gäbe         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>der</b> Flughafen      | <b>einen</b> Flughafen    |
| <b>die</b> Stadthalle     | <b>eine</b> Stadthalle    |
| <b>das</b> Fitnesszentrum | <b>ein</b> Fitnesszentrum |
| <b>die</b> Hallenbäder    | <b>viele</b> Hallenbäder  |



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*There are also two more useful phrases when talking about an ideal town*

|                                          |                                           |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Die Stadt hätte....</b>               | <i>The town would have.....</i>           |
| <b>Die Stadt hätte <b>einen See.</b></b> | <i>The town would have <b>a lake.</b></i> |

|                                     |                                            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Die Stadt wäre...</b>            | <i>The town would be....</i>               |
| <b>Die Stadt wäre <b>schön.</b></b> | <i>The town would be <b>beautiful.</b></i> |



# Compare and contrast!

|                                       |                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Die Stadt <b>hatte</b> einen Bahnhof. | The town <b>had</b> a station.        | PAST        |
| Die Stadt <b>hätte</b> einen Bahnhof. | The town <b>would have</b> a station. | CONDITIONAL |

|                              |                                     |             |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Die Stadt <b>war</b> schön.  | The town <b>was</b> beautiful.      | PAST        |
| Die Stadt <b>wäre</b> schön. | The town <b>would be</b> beautiful. | CONDITIONAL |



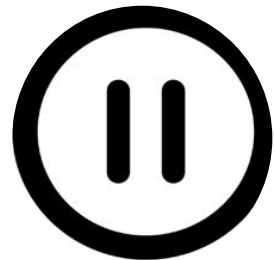
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|                               |                                  |             |
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| Es <b>gab</b> einen Bahnhof.  | There <b>was</b> a station..     | PAST        |
| Es <b>gäbe</b> einen Bahnhof. | There <b>would be</b> a station. | CONDITIONAL |
| Es <b>gab</b> viele Kneipen.  | There <b>were</b> many bars.     | PAST        |
| Es <b>gäbe</b> viele Kneipen. | There <b>would be</b> many bars. | CONDITIONAL |





# Summary of learning



*In German, es gäbe (there would be) is used with **the accusative as follows:***

|                | Masculine           | Feminine            | Neuter             | Plural             |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>es gäbe</b> | <b>einen</b> Strand | <b>eine</b> Eisbahn | <b>ein</b> Stadion | <b>viele</b> Klubs |

*If you want to say there won't be something, the pattern is as follows:*

|                |                      |                      |                     |                    |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>es gäbe</b> | <b>keinen</b> Strand | <b>keine</b> Eisbahn | <b>kein</b> Stadion | <b>keine</b> Klubs |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|

