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# Finding the right word (1)

Be a good word detective – pick up the right clues in your dictionary, and you'll find the word you're after.

Use Your Dictionary

**i** Sometimes your dictionary gives you several meanings for one noun. Make sure you read through all the entries and choose the right option.

For example, for **mouth** you'll find:

**mouth** noun  
**1** (of a person) der **Mund**  
**2** (of an animal) das **Maul**  
**3** (of a river) die **Mündung**

## 1 Detective work

So which is the right German 'mouth'?

1 The dog was carrying a toy in its mouth.

2 Don't eat with your mouth open!

3 We camped near the mouth of the river.

ein \_\_\_\_\_

ein \_\_\_\_\_

eine \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Another one to try

Now look up 'branch' and write the right German words.

1 The supermarket has branches all over the country.

2 The nearest branch of my bank is in the next town.

3 The tree had a thick trunk and wide branches.

eine \_\_\_\_\_

eine \_\_\_\_\_

ein \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Now you're the teacher

Look at these English sentences and the underlined word. Give the correct German word for each word. Use your dictionary and write the correct translations.

English	German
1 He lives on the fourth <u>floor</u> .	_____ <u>Stock</u> _____
2 Two <u>coats</u> of paint are necessary.	_____
3 Do you have a 50-pence <u>piece</u> ?	_____
4 The light isn't coming on. Have you got a <u>bulb</u> ?	_____

# Finding the right word (2)

Phone a friend, or lost your phone? Which phone will you find in your dictionary?

Use Your Dictionary

**i** English words can have different meanings. For example, the word **fly** can be a verb or a noun:

I'd like to fly to Munich on Sunday.

**fly** noun  
die **Fliege**  
to **fly** verb  
**1 fliegen**

There's a fly in my soup!

When you look in your dictionary, you need to choose the right word: The insect, a fly, is **eine Fliege** in German. The verb, to fly, is **fliegen**.

## 1 The right kind of beat

Read the sentences below, then circle the right German word for **beat** in each case.

1 The band is great. They have a good <b>beat</b> .	2 They <b>beat</b> us by four goals to two.
<b>beat</b> verb <b>schlagen</b> / <b>beat</b> noun der <b>Takt</b>	<b>beat</b> verb <b>schlagen</b> / <b>beat</b> noun der <b>Takt</b>

## 2 The right word

Now read the sentences below and look at the underlined words.

- ▶ Write  $\checkmark$  for the verbs and  $\surd$  for the nouns.
- ▶ Then find the right German word in the dictionary and write it in the second column.

	verb/noun	auf Deutsch:
1 I want to <u>book</u> a table.	<u>        </u> $\checkmark$	Ich möchte einen Tisch <u>bestellen</u> .
2 That <u>book</u> is great!	<u>        </u>	Das <u>                                </u> ist großartig!
3 I've lost my <u>phone</u> .	<u>        </u>	Ich habe mein <u>                                </u> verloren.
4 I want to <u>phone</u> a friend.	<u>        </u>	Ich möchte einen Freund <u>                        </u> .
5 Can you <u>lift</u> this box?	<u>        </u>	Kannst du diese Kiste <u>                                </u> ?
6 Let's take the <u>lift</u> .	<u>        </u>	Fahren wir mit dem <u>                                </u> .

Can't find a word in the dictionary? Perhaps it's listed in a different form.

# Not in the dictionary? Oh yes it is!

Use Your Dictionary

**i** Look up English words in the second half of the dictionary, after the blue pages. Your dictionary lists nouns in their singular forms.

- ▶ You won't find the word *loaves*. Instead, look up **loaf** *noun* das **Brot** (*plural* die **Brote**)
- ▶ You won't find the word *women*. Instead, look up **woman** *noun* die **Frau** (*plural* die **Frauen**)

## 1 Three steps to arrive at German plural words

- Write
- the *singular* word in English
  - the *singular* word in German (you'll find it in your dictionary)
  - the German word in the *plural* (you'll find it in brackets beside the singular form!)

lorries a) <u>lorry</u> _____ b) <u>der Lastwagen</u> c) <u>die Lastwagen</u>	1 teeth a) _____ b) _____ c) <u>die</u> _____	2 leaves a) _____ b) _____ c) <u>die</u> _____
	3 men a) _____ b) _____ c) _____	4 children a) _____ b) _____ c) _____

**\* TIP**

Your dictionary gives you the gender of the words:  
*der* + word (masculine); *die* + word (feminine); *das* + word (neuter)

Use Your Dictionary

**i** Your dictionary lists verbs in their infinitive forms. For example:

- ▶ For *flies*, look up **fly** *verb* **1 fliegen**
- ▶ For *drank*, look up **drink** *verb* **trinken**

- ▶ To think of the infinitive, complete the phrase "I'm going to ...". For example: I'm going to **drink**.

## 2 Identifying the right verbs

Read the sentences. Then write the infinitive a) in English and b) in German.

1 Have you <u>written</u> to her? We're <u>writing</u> an essay. a) <b>Englisch:</b> <u>write</u> b) <b>Deutsch:</b> <u>schreiben</u>	2 Our team <u>is losing</u> . I've <u>lost</u> my money. a) <b>Englisch:</b> _____ b) <b>Deutsch:</b> _____
3 I <u>did</u> my homework. He's <u>doing</u> well. a) <b>Englisch:</b> _____ b) <b>Deutsch:</b> _____	4 Sarah <u>saw</u> the new film. <u>Have you seen</u> it too? a) <b>Englisch:</b> _____ b) <b>Deutsch:</b> _____

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# A note about nouns

Your dictionary tells you more than only what your English noun is in German.

Use Your Dictionary

- i** When you look up an English noun, your dictionary tells you
  - ▶ whether the German noun is masculine, feminine or neuter.
  - ▶ what its plural form is.

**dog** noun  
der **Hund** (plural die **Hunde**)

**newspaper** noun  
die **Zeitung** (plural die **Zeitungen**)

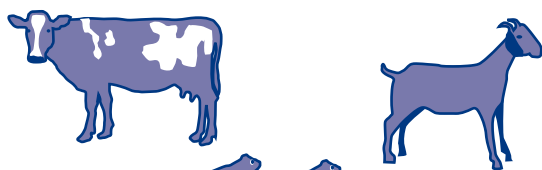
With this information, you not only know what the right German word is, but you can use it correctly.

## On the farm

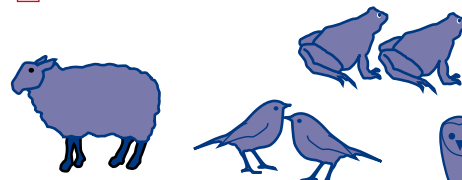
Look up the words in your dictionary and label the animals in German.

**Check:** 1) If only one animal: *der, die or das*? 2) If more than one animal: plural form (remember the article will always be *die*)?


1 die Kuh                      2 die \_\_\_\_\_




3 das   \_\_\_\_\_



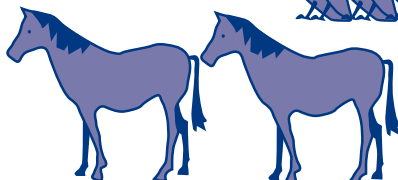
4 die  \_\_\_\_\_



5 drei   \_\_\_\_\_



6 das  \_\_\_\_\_



7 zwei \_\_\_\_\_                       8 die \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA

Unscramble the letters in the boxes to get the name of another animal in German:  
 ein \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 In English this is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Are you dictionary-literate on the English-German side of your dictionary? Test yourself by doing the puzzles on this page, and timing yourself.

# Test yourself!

Look at the three puzzles on this page.

- ▶ How long do you think it will take you to do them?
- ▶ Time yourself as you do them, and see how well you judged yourself.

**1 Look up the German words in your dictionary**

- Write them in alphabetical order.
- Note the gender (*masc, fem or neut*).

1	Ananas	fem	4	_____
2	_____	_____	5	_____
3	_____	_____	6	_____

cherries  
 pineapple  
 apples  
 pears  
 kiwi fruit  
 peaches

**2 Look up and write the German words**

- Note which three of them are *masculine*.

1 fat	F	e	t	t	4 hole		o			7 room	Z				
2 bed		e		t	5 boat		o			8 circus	Z	i	r	k	u
3 time		e		t	6 cabbage	K	o	h	l	9 magic	Z				

The three masculine words are: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Can you find the German for these four English verbs?**

to win	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
to explain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
to be called	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
to dance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Check your answers.**

- ▶ The letters on the shaded squares should give you the present tense of a German verb. What's the infinitive of this verb?  
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