

German Newsletter

Wir lernen, wir haben Spaß, wir diskutieren.

Featured Profession – Amazon



Many students consider staying local when looking at their future. With Amazon continuing to grow, this provides many opportunities for them. In fact, Amazon is often searching for German-speaking/reading employees to work in the Seattle location. Currently, Amazon has 37 open positions for German speakers in the Seattle location alone, mostly in investigative fields, but also in sales, marketing, and engineering. I have looked at their openings several times in the last four years, and this is about the average number of jobs for German speakers they have had open.

Featured extra-curricular German: Gaming

I know, teenagers are often looking for excuses to play video games. Well here's one that helps with their learning! German pops up in many video games today. Wolfenstein seems to be one of the more popular at this time. There is also often the opportunity to change the language of the game to German within settings of paid-for as well as free online games. I encourage students to look at the settings and play around with their most loved games in German!

Word of the Week:

Das Ampelmännchen

Starting in East Germany, the crosswalk signals have had a fun look. In the last couple of decades, these characters have spread to areas of Western Germany as well and are a fun knickknack for tourists.



Wissen Sie schon? Did you know?

In Germany, the president is second to the chancellor, but the voting takes place at different times. It isn't voted by the people, but rather the congress, and the nominees may be shared across parties. This year there are 5 candidates and the vote took place on Sunday the 12th. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, nominated by 4 parties, won with over 73%.

News from the classroom: German 1

Hobbies and Free time

German 1 has been working with the vocabulary of hobbies and free time, which for the most part should be a review. We're also discussing the differences between German and Austria and different areas of the States.

Along with the other classes, German 1 is preparing to do short improve scenes in German. These will be random uses of the language they have learned so far to motivate them to stay fresh with their vocabulary!

News from the classroom: German 2

Continuing the Fundamentals

German 2 classes ended up in two different spots in the book at the end of semester, so we are working on catching one class up. The grammar points learned in these sections are review from German 1 with a deeper vocabulary.

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News from the classroom: German 3

Fundamentals and Review

German 3 students have asked to work in the textbook as well, which means a very quick review, with some new and different vocabulary. We will be watching a movie called *Almanya: Willkommen in Deutschland*, but we will continue working in the book at least a few days a week. *Almanya* is a German comedy which teaches about the history of Turkish people migrating to Germany. We learn the cultural difference between Germans and Turkish-Germans, as well the generational cultural difference within Turkish-Germans. This movie has a packet that will come along with it so that students will be learning grammar and vocabulary explicitly throughout the film.

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News from German Club:

Fundraising and Recruitment

German Club is trying to earn some money this month! We are still selling Krampus shirts – we need a few more to make a profit off of this attempt. We may be co-hosting an “Around the World” dance with other language and cultural clubs. Stay tuned!

German club took the past few weeks off of meetings, but we are back to it beginning today! We look forward to continuing the cultural learning experiences.