

German Bridging lesson 5

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One of the modules you will study will be on German music. There are various different issues to look at and one of them will be the use of language in music. You will study how the use of German in pop songs is changing/ has changed/ hasn't changed.

1. So, firstly, study this song by The Wise Guys. They write satirical songs - they should make you slightly smile. This one is called Denglisch, which is a mixture of Deutsch and Englisch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnA5WG39eJ8>

Make a list of the English expressions used and then discover the German for them - either in the song or by using an online dictionary - Google Translate will be no good, I'm afraid. You've graduated to linguee or word reference.

2. Then go onto Spotify and search for German Top 40 singles charts. Make a tally of how many in the top 10 are sung in German. This is updated every week so depending on when you look at it you probably won't all have the same answers!
Listen to one of the ones sung in German all the way through and then do some research on the artist. Present the information in German and also include your opinion of the song. The information can be very basic - name, age, where they come from, how many people follow them on instagram etc.

Another thing you will study in this module is how influential music can be.

3. Use this link and read about Udo Lindenberg, one of the most influential musicians in German history. Now over 70, he is still going strong. Read the article, watch the video and make some notes in English. He's important so it's good to know something about him.

<https://www.dw.com/en/rocker-udo-lindenberg-a-nightmare-for-east-german-authorities/a-50300013>

Finally, some grammar for this lesson too:

Adverbs (time, manner, place, degree)

Exercise 1

Classify the adverbs by writing them in the correct column.

Adverbs of time	Adverbs of manner	Adverbs of place	Adverbs of degree

unterwegs häufig irgendwo ziemlich nicht
bald ganz jeden Tag abends leider
sehr hoffentlich hier manchmal überall
gern fast gut dort schnell

Exercise 2

Fill the gaps with a suitable word from the list above. Type in a different color.

- 1 Ich sehe jeden Tag fern, aber nicht am Wochenende.
- 2 kann ich heute Abend nicht mitkommen, aber nächste Woche!
- 3 Sie ist gesund – sie spielt sehr Fußball und trinkt viel Wasser.
- 4 In Berlin kann man Würstchen kaufen, ich liebe das Leben!

Exercise 3

Translate into German, paying attention to the TMP rule.

- 1 She plays in the park with her brothers quite often.
- 2 Last year I flew to France by plane with my family.
- 3 He doesn't drive slowly on the motorway.
- 4 We study maths twice a week at university.