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Little Explorers

Fun across the Borders



Germany (**Deutschland**) has 9 neighbouring countries. Two of these countries are Austria (**Österreich**) and Switzerland (**die Schweiz**).

Together with Germany, Austria and Switzerland are called DACH countries (**Länder**). **DACH** stands for **D**eutschland (Germany), **A**ustria and **C**onfoederatio **H**elvetica (Switzerland).

These countries represent the largest community where German is the nation-wide official language and the first language of the vast majority of people.



Germany

Germany has a population of 84 million people. The capital and largest city is Berlin. Germany is bordered by 9 countries: Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Netherlands. The official language is German (**Deutsch**). Germany has 16 states (**Bundesländer**). Its currency is Euro.



The Brandenburg Gate



Switzerland

Switzerland has a population of around 8.8 million people. The capital city is Bern. The largest city is Zürich. Switzerland is bordered by 5 countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Lichtenstein. The official languages are German, French, Italian and Romansh. Switzerland has 26 cantons/member states. Its currency is Swiss Franc .



Limmat River



Austria

Austria has a population of around 9 million people. The capital and largest city is Vienna. Austria is bordered by 8 countries: Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary and Lichtenstein. The official language is German. Austria has 9 states. Its currency is Euro.



Schönbrunn Palace

Totally German

Egg-citing Easter in Germany



First things first, let's talk about eggs (**Eier**). But not your regular breakfast eggs.

German kids turn them into colourful masterpieces, and some even hang them on trees, turning branches into amazing art galleries! They call them **die Ostereier**, which means the Easter eggs.



Now, let's not forget our furry friends, the Easter bunnies, or as the Germans say, **Osterhasen**. These clever bunnies hide eggs everywhere! It's like a super-secret egg mission. Kids grab their baskets and go on an egg hunt (**Ostereiersuche**). Spoiler alert: the bunnies are excellent hiders!



But wait, there's more! In some parts of Germany, they light giant bonfires to say "Bye bye Winter! Hello, Spring (**Frühling**)". It's like a party for the changing seasons, and everyone gathers around for stories and snacks!



So if you're ever in Germany for Easter, get ready for egg-citement, bunny adventures, and a whole lot of fun! Happy egg hunting, little buddies!

Fun Zone

Search 'n' Seek



Now let's find all the new German words we learnt in the word search below! Find the following words:

Bundesländer - Deutschland - Frühling - Länder - Ostereier - Osterhasen - die Schweiz - Österreich

Answers are to be sent to Ms. Erica Kawka Armeni on erica.kawka.armeni@ilearn.edu.mt. by Friday 12th April 2024.
Complete the word search correctly to enter the pool for the lucky draw.

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