# The advantages of learning German

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# Welcome!

# What we will talk about in this presentation:

- 1 Tourism in Germany.
- 2 German tourists in Malta.
- 3 German job opportunities.
- 3.1 Teacher.
- 3.2 Translator.
- 3.3 Interpreter.

# German spelling:

- Is spelled phonetically like Maltese.

Berg

Lampe

Balkone

# German vocabulary:

- Similar to English.

Fisch

Apfel

Ball

Let’s get started!

# 1. Tourism in Germany

- Tourism is very important for Germany

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  - Germany is a top destination!

It had **more** visitors than France or the United Kingdom.

Only Spain had more visitors than Germany.

- Even for Maltese tourists, Germany ranks on third place, after the UK and Italy.

The *Brandenburger Gate* – das *Brandenburger Tor.*

But why are so many tourists visiting Germany?

# There are many reasons for that!

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- 4. Famous castles and other historical places.

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(“*Dach*” means “*roof*” in German

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  Worldwide there are 130 million speakers of German as a mother tongue.

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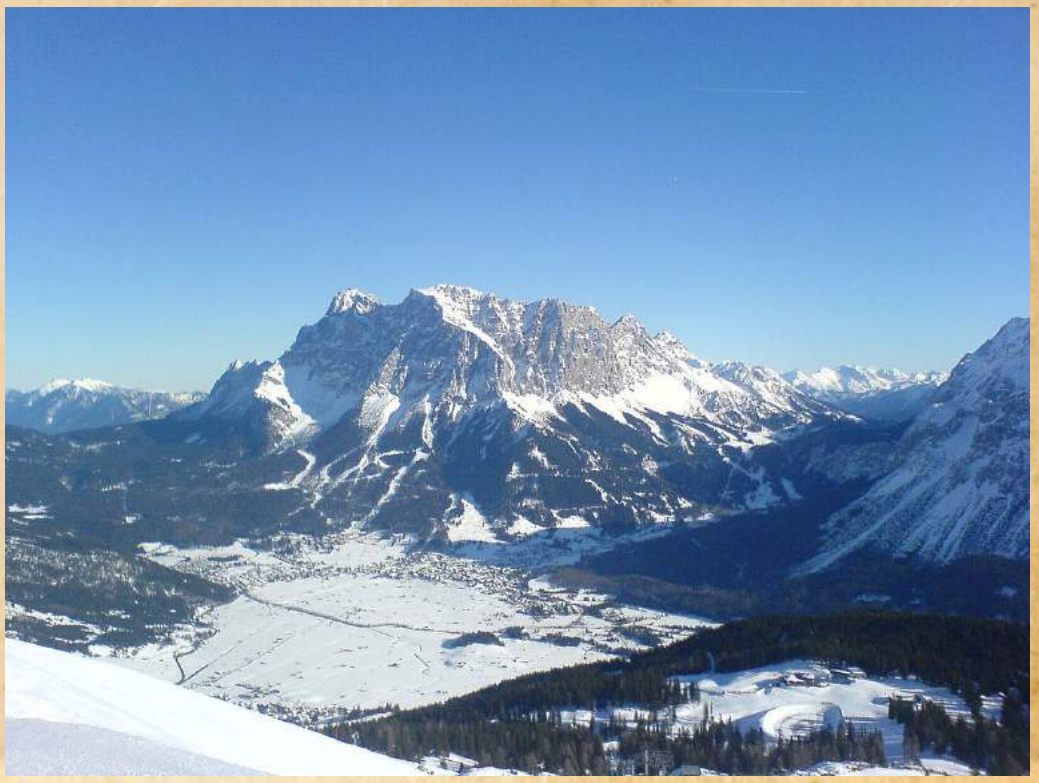
Highest peak: the *Zugspitze* (“windy peak”), it is 2,963 metres high.



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Very important for transporting goods, but also for tourism and wine

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- The biggest one is the *Black Forest, der Schwarzwald*.

# 2. The biggest cities:
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Berlin has around 180 museums. Most famous one is the Pergamon-Museum.

# 2.2 Cologne

- Home to the *Cologne Cathedral,* built betwenn 1248 – 1880. It is the third tallest church of the world.

# 2.2 Cologne: the *Carnival*

- It is the second largest in the world, after Rio de Janeiro (Brasil).

# 3. Munich and the Oktoberfest

- The world’s largest beer festival and travelling funfair.

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- Each year, 6 million visitors come to Munich for it.

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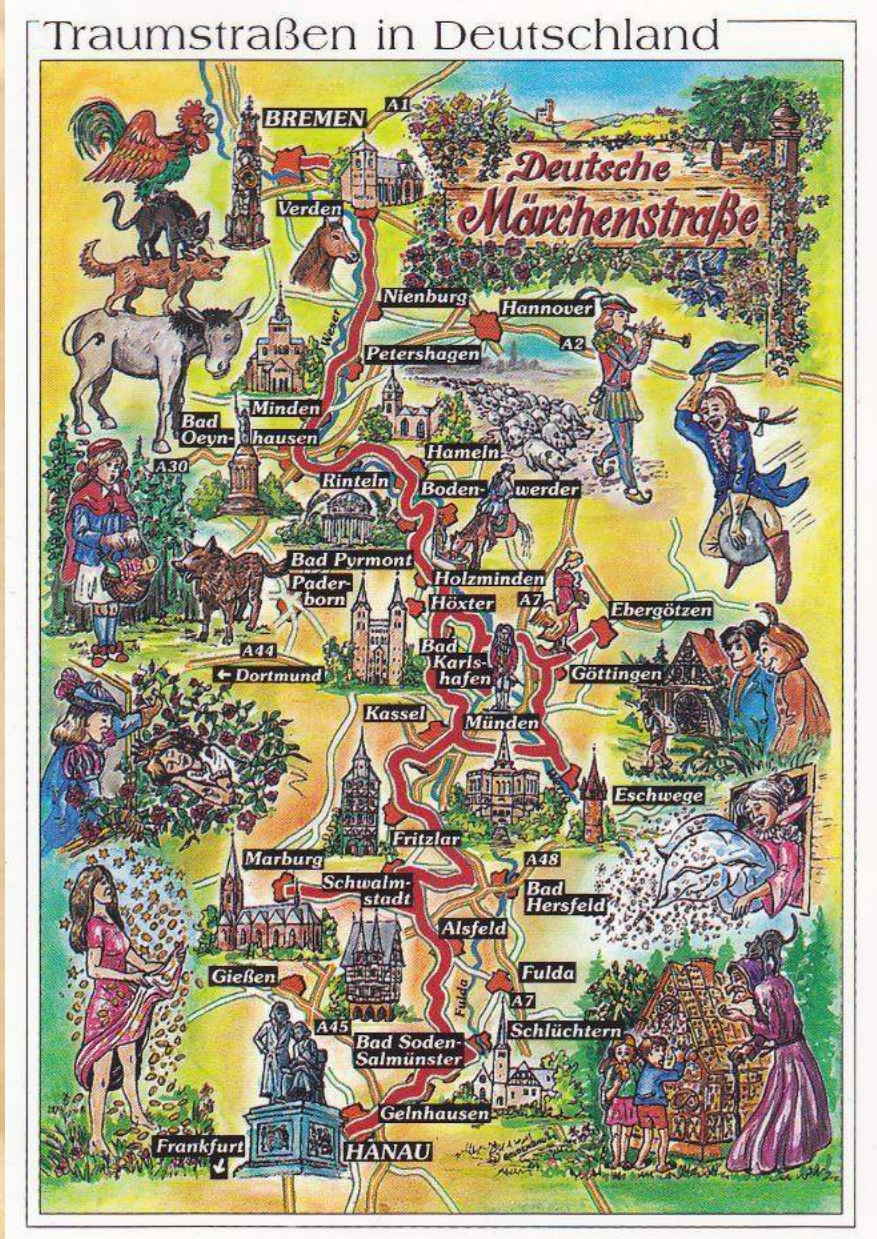

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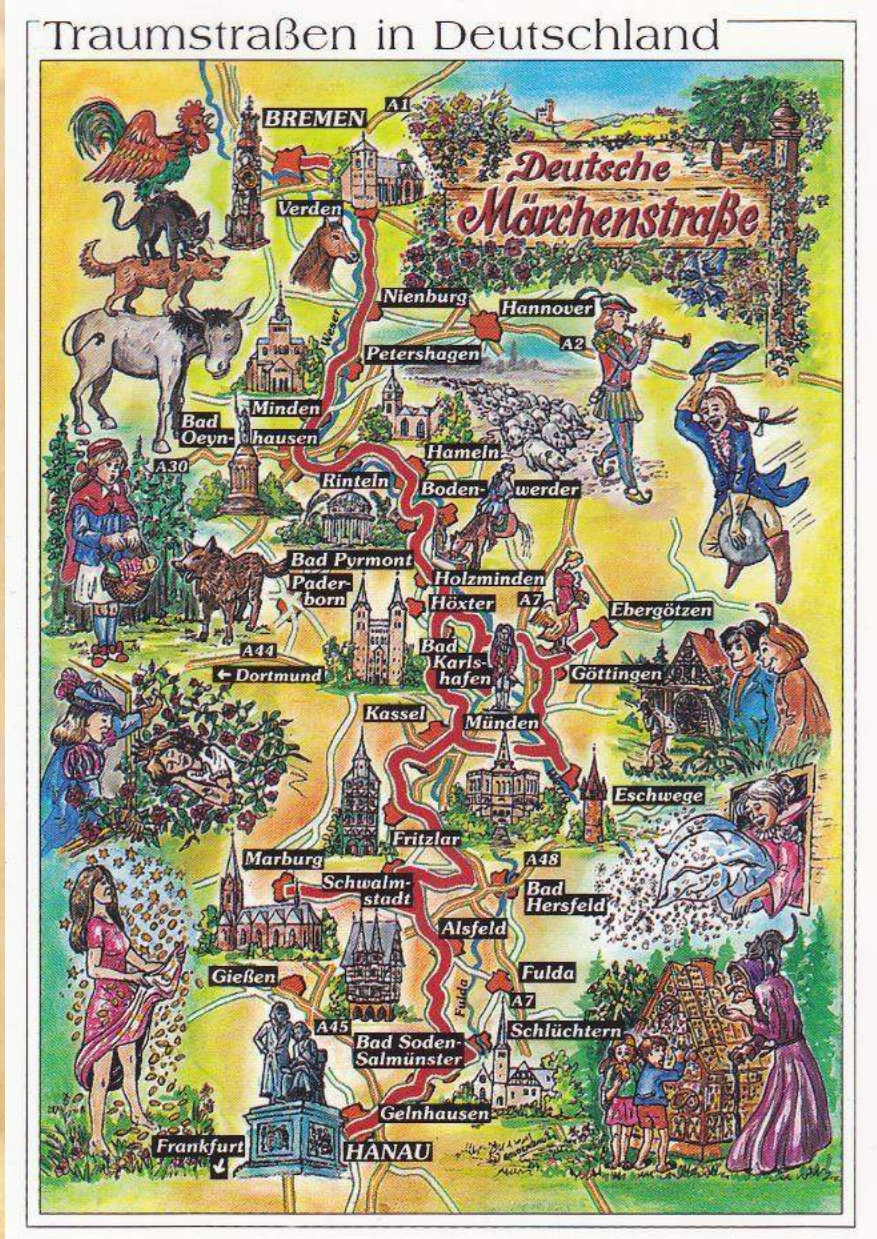

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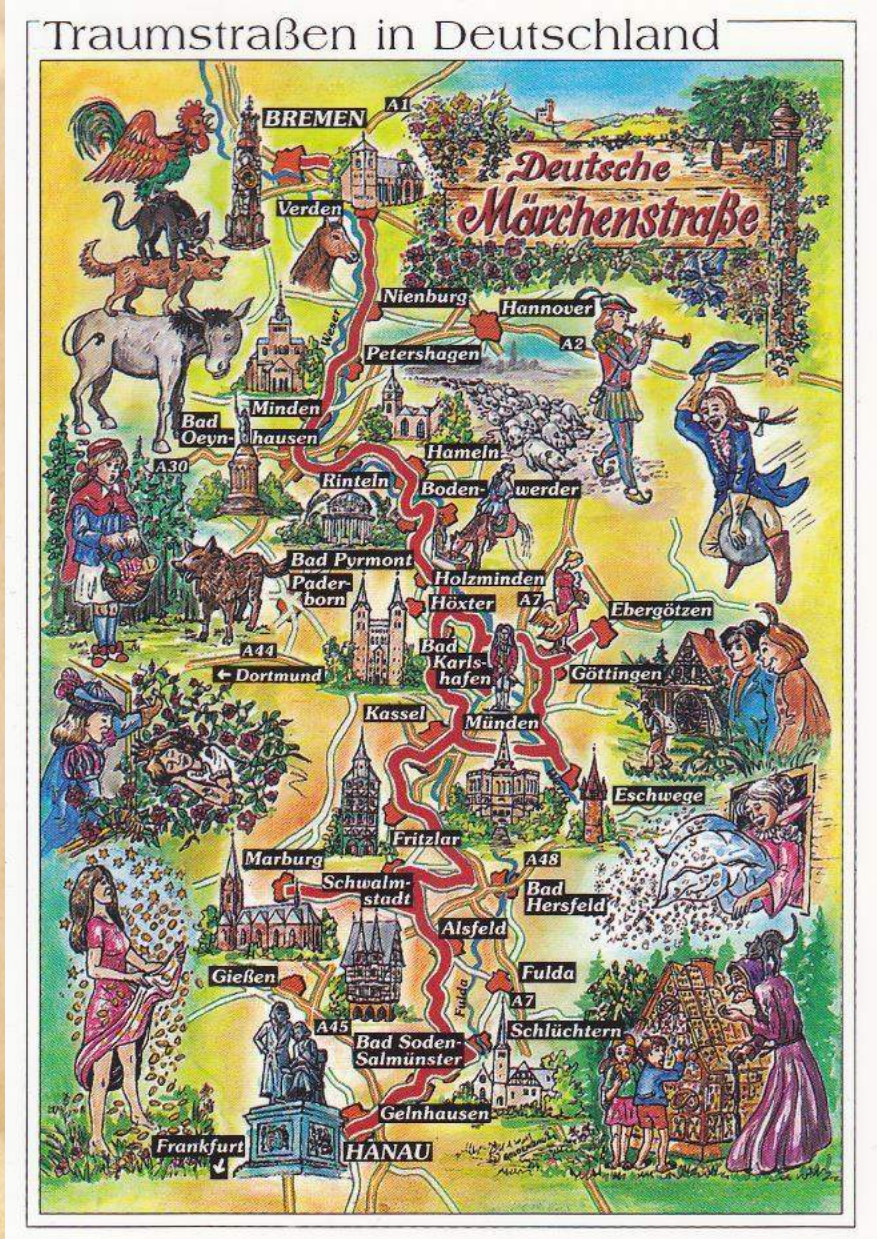
...it stretches across 600 km

- connects landscapes of the fairy tales Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty, and many more.



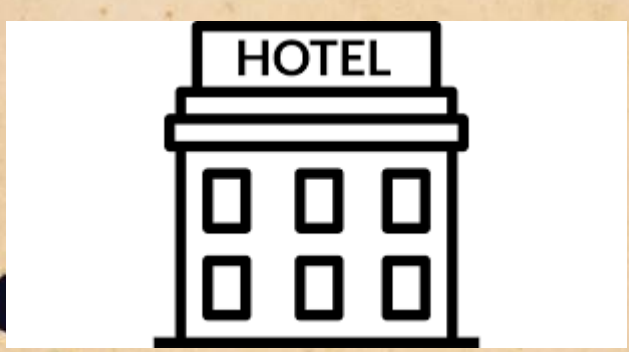
# 2. German tourists in Malta

# Question: What do these words mean?

der Tourist

die Touristin

das Hotel

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# German tourists

- These are best job conditions, but is it difficult to learn German?

  Not at all, German has many similar words with English

  They are “cousin” languages, both are Germanic languages

# German-speaking tourists:

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- German-speaking tourist guides are always needed.

# German-speaking tourists:

- In hotels and restaurants, speaking German is a big advantage.

Tourism offers important job opportunities!

# 3. Other job opportunities

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- You will study German Grammar, Literature, Translation, Pedagogy.

# 3.1 Teacher

Teaching German : bring German language, culture to others.

Dive into a new culture and a new language!

# Question: How many German learners are there now?

A: 1 million

B: 15 millions

C: not so many

D: 10 millions

# Correct!

15,2 million people were learning German in 2020, a million more than in 2015.

# 3.2 Translator

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<u>Skills needed:</u>

Language knowledge of two languages.

Cultural knowledge.

Communication.

Writing.

Research.

Computer-assisted translation.

German, English, French, Italian and Russian are the most translated languages in the world.

# 3.3 Interpreter

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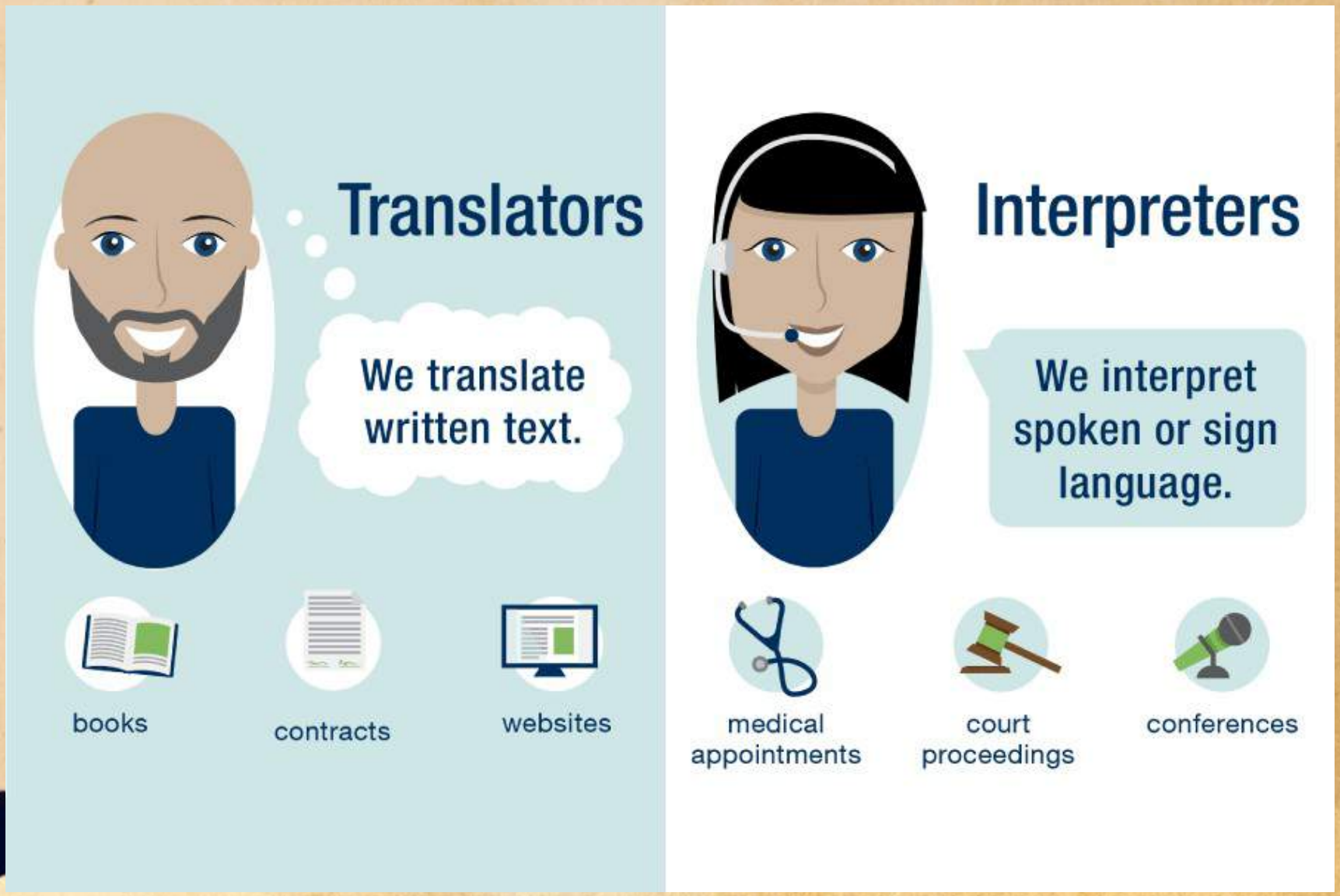
- Live translation.
- Intepreter means one who translates orally for persons conversing in different languages.

  example: from German to Maltese at a judge’s court.

# 3. Interpreter

- Difference between translator and interpreter:



# German: learning by playing

- There are many plays helping you to learn German:

https://www.german-games.net/de/deutsch-spiele

Thank you very much!

We hope we could show you how beautiful and important German is.