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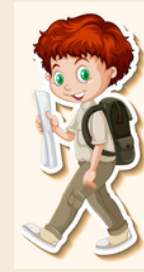


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# Little Explorers

## Discover Bonn



**Willkommen!** Welcome to Bonn, a friendly city by the river (**Fluss**) where big stories and little adventures meet. Bonn is not too big and not too small. It is perfect for exploring on foot (**zu Fuß**) or by bike (**Fahrrad**).

A long time ago, Bonn was the capital of Germany. Important meetings happened here, but today the city feels relaxed and green, with parks, playgrounds (**Spielplätze**) and plenty of places to enjoy an ice cream.



One of Bonn's most famous children was Ludwig van Beethoven. He grew up here and later became a world-famous music genius. You can visit his house and imagine young Beethoven listening to sounds (**Geräusche**), tapping rhythms and dreaming of melodies.

The wide and wonderful **Rhine River** flows right past the city. Boats glide by, ducks quack happily, and families love walking along the riverbanks or having picnics (**Picknick**) near the water.



Bonn is also a city that cares about the world. People from many countries work together at the **United Nations Campus Bonn**, trying to protect nature (**Natur**) and help make the planet a better place.

In Spring, some streets bloom with pink cherry blossoms (**Kirschblüte**), turning Bonn into a fairy tale tunnel. And just nearby rises the legendary hill **Drachenfels** (Dragon's Rock), where dragons and castles fill old stories with magic.

Bonn is a city of music, rivers, blossoms and bright ideas - a place where every child can find something exciting to discover.

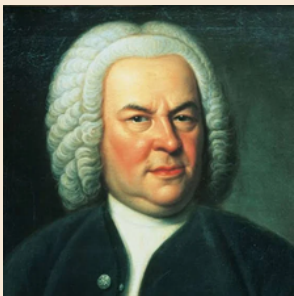
# Totally German

## Meet the German composers!



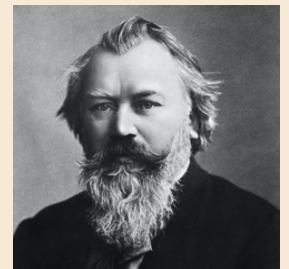
Germany is famous for many things — castles, cars, football and incredible music (**Musik**). Some of the greatest composers in history were German, and their music is still heard today in concerts, movies, and even cartoons. Let's meet a few musical geniuses whose work has lasted for hundreds of years.

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn in 1770 and grew up to become one of the most famous composers (**Komponist**) in the world. His music is powerful, emotional, and full of energy. What makes his story even more amazing is that Beethoven slowly became deaf — yet he never stopped composing. He continued to write beautiful music that people still love today, such as **Für Elise**. If you visit Bonn, you can even see the house where he was born!



Let us move on to Bach. Johann Sebastian Bach lived more than 300 years ago and is often called a musical genius. He worked as a church organist and wrote very clever (**klug**) and beautiful music for choirs (**Chöre**) and instruments (**Instrumente**). His famous piece **Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor** is often used in spooky movie scenes, so you might recognise it when you hear it!

Another composer is Johannes Brahms. He loved nature and long walks, and his music often feels warm, calm, and emotional. He wrote many beautiful pieces, including a famous lullaby (**Schlaflied**) that many babies around the world have fallen asleep to. Even if you don't know his name, you have probably heard his music before!



All of these composers were curious, creative (**kreativ**), and hardworking — and they all spoke German. By learning German, you can learn more about their lives, read about them in their own language (**Sprache**), and even visit the places where they lived and worked. Maybe one day you will stand in Bonn, just like Beethoven did!

If you can experience their work through sound, why just read about it? Hit the links and dive into some of their most iconic tracks.

**Für Elise - Beethoven** : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF0zHeU3Zs>

**Tocatta & Fugue in D Minor - Bach** : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3AiGw8mkq0>

**Lullaby - Brahms** : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t894eGoymio>



# Fun Zone

## Music Hunt!

### Bonn and Composers



Answers are to be sent to our magazine team on [deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com) by Thursday 30th April 2026. Complete the activity correctly to enter the pool for the lucky draw.

Become true **detectives** by completing the following **missions!**

## MISSION 1

Read the clues below and match them to the correct answer:

- A. This city by the Rhine River is where a famous composer was born. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. A music genius who loved strong rhythms and exciting sounds. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. A big river that flows past Bonn and carries boats and stories. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. A quiet house in Bonn where music history began. \_\_\_\_\_

Choices:

1. Ludwig van Beethoven
2. Bonn
3. Rhine River
4. Beethoven Bonn House



## MISSION 2

Invent a silly name for a new piece of music!

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## MISSION 3

Colour the cherry blossom tree!

