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Little Explorers

The Magic of Heidelberg



Heidelberg is one of Germany's prettiest cities (**Städte**). In the old town you will find colourful houses and little shops selling souvenirs, sweets and the famous traditional German Pretzels (**Brezel**).



You might also hear different musicians (**Musiker**) playing in the streets, creating a lovely atmosphere in the city. Whilst walking through the old town, you can also come across hidden squares with beautiful fountains (**Springbrunnen**)!



If you love adventure, you should take the Heidelberg funicular railway and ride up the mountain (**Berg**) to get to the famous King's Seat (**Königstuhl**); the top of the highest mountain in Heidelberg. On a clear day you will see far across the countryside. But be careful! Since the mountain is so high you might feel very cold when you get up there.



Heidelberg is also famous for its beautiful river (**Fluss**) called Neckar. The Neckar flows through Heidelberg and it is a great place for boat trips (**Bootsfahrt**), feeding ducks (**Enten**) or enjoying a walk along the riverside.



Along the river you will come across the old bridge (**Brücke**). Keep your eyes open for the funny bridge Monkey Statue! It is said to bring good luck if you touch it.



Every journey teaches us something new, and Heidelberg is a place full of surprises. So grab your curiosity, pack your imagination, and keep exploring—your next adventure could be just around the corner! And speaking of adventures, did you know that Heidelberg is home to one of Germany's most famous castles?



The Secret World of German Castles

Have you ever dreamed of visiting a real castle (**Burg**)? Germany is famous for its beautiful castles. Some are over 1,000 years old and are full of exciting stories! Long ago, kings (**Könige**), queens (**Königinnen**), knights (**Ritter**), and princesses (**Prinzessinnen**) lived in these amazing places. Strong walls (**Mauern**) protected the castles from enemies, and tall towers (**Türme**) helped people watch over the land.

Talking about Heidelberg, you can visit there one of the most famous castles in Germany, the Heidelberg Castle. It stands above the city of Heidelberg and offers an incredible view (**Aussicht**). Part of the castle was damaged a long time ago, but that makes it even more interesting to explore. Inside, you can see one of the biggest wine barrels (**Weinfass**) in the world!

Another one of the most famous castles is Neuschwanstein Castle. It looks like it came straight out of a fairy tale! It sits high on a mountain (**Berg**) and is surrounded by a beautiful forest. Many people believe it inspired the castle in Disney's Sleeping Beauty. Every year, millions of visitors (**Besucher**) come to see it.

Another amazing castle is Eltz Castle. This castle is hidden in a green valley and has been standing for over 850 years. It has never been destroyed in a war, so many of its old rooms (**Zimmer**) and beautiful treasures (**Schätze**) are still there today. Walking to Burg Eltz feels like stepping into a fairy tale!

Today, you can visit many German castles. You can climb winding stairs (**Treppen**), look through old windows, and imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago. Some castles even have exciting festivals (**Feste**) where people dress up as knights and princesses. You might even watch a knight's show or listen to medieval music.

Fun Zone

Who am I?



Answers are to be sent to our magazine team on
deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com by Friday 3rd December 2026.
Complete the activity correctly to enter the pool for the lucky draw.

Put your detective hat on! Read the clues and guess who is being described.

Answers in English.

I wear shiny armour.
I protect castles and people.
Long ago, I rode a horse into battle.
I sometimes carried a shield and a sword.

I often live in a castle.
I may wear a beautiful dress.
In stories, I sometimes need rescuing.
My father or mother may be a
king or a queen.

I wear a crown.
I rule a kingdom.
Long ago, people came to me for
important decisions.
I often lived in a castle.

I have wings in many stories.
I can breathe fire.
I love guarding treasures in fairy tales.
Knights often try to defeat me.

I go to school.
I learn new things everyday.
I read books and do homework.
Heidelberg is famous for having
many of us.

GERMAN CASTLES

where fairy tales come to life

The Knights Quest - Help Sir Leo Become a Knight !

Sir Leo has one final challenge before he can become a knight of the castle. Complete the quests below to help him earn his golden shield!



Quest 1 - Cross the Bridge

Unscramble the word: E C A T S L _____

Quest 2 - Find the Missing Shield

Circle the shield that is different from the others



Quest 3 - Defeat the Monster

Answer the riddle: I am not real, but I appear in many stories.

I have claws, wings, and a long tail.

If you see smoke coming from my nose, be careful!

What am I?

Quest 4 - The King's Challenge

Which one of the following does a king wear? Underline.

Boots

Crown

Helmet

Backpack

Quest 5 - The Secret Message

Use the code:

A = 1 B = 2 C = 3

8 - 15 - 18 - 19 - 5 _____

Final Challenge - The Golden Shield

Count your completed quests



1-2 completed - Castle Helper



3-4 completed - Brave Squire



All 5 Completed - Knight of the Golden Shield



Design Your Own Coat of Arms

Long ago, knights and noble families used special symbols called **coat of arms**. Draw your own! Include: an animal, your favourite colour, a symbol for your favourite hobby, a motto.

