

matics and do exercises. In the evening we do our homework. My roommates are also learning German

I try to do my homework myself  
do. But I don't have much time. There are so many parties in Berlin. I think parties are good for

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myfathersays,theGermans,play,good,football,not,hewatches,only,ontelevision,uncle,lotsofbeer,also

shared apartment: shared apartment, This means: This means, together with: together with, other

There were old newspapers on the floor.

"Welcome to my kingdom," I said. Ingrid picked up a newspaper from the floor and said:

"Wow, this newspaper is three years old!"

"Yes," I said. "We have a free

Abonnement für die Berliner Zeitung. Aber niemand von uns hat Zeit, sie zu lesen."

I took a pile of dirty laundry from the sofa and said: "Sit down!"

"How many people do you live with here?" asked Ingrid sat down.

"Three," I said. "Do you also live in a shared apartment?" "No," said Ingrid. "I live in a one-room apartment. But I think it's nice to live together with other people."

"Nice?" I said and sat down. "Sometimes. But it can also be annoying. Every morning when my roommate Gustavo gets up, he plays loud heavy

"Oh," said Ingrid. "Metal in the morning, that's like Vodka for breakfast!"

Ich lachte und sagte: "Oh, die Waschmaschine ist in der Küche."

We got up and went into the kitchen.

"Ignore the chaos, please!", you said. "The washing machine is in the corner."

I wiped the dust off the machine and said: "Here you go!"

"You don't wash that often?" asked Ingrid. "We don't always have time, but the machine is perfect," I said.

"Okay," said Ingrid. "Do you have washing powder?" "Er, no,"

I heard the apartment door. "Hello? Anyone there?" Ted called.

I opened my eyes. Ingrid was standing with only her bra dressed in the kitchen. Ted smiled and said: "Mammamia!" Then went into his room and

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closed the door.

“Sorry,” I said. “Is your T-shirt in the machine?  
is it?”

Ingrid nodded and asked: “Do you have something for me  
to wear?”

“Wait,” I said and went into my room. I  
picked up a T-shirt from the floor, sniffed it and quickly put it back. I found a relatively fresh T-shirt

Ingrid put on the T-shirt. It was long and  
black, with pictures of skulls and an Iron Maiden inscription.

“Is that Gustavo’s?” asked Ingrid. “It could be,” I said. “It looks

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put it: Iputit, fast: fast, back again: backagain, fresh: fresh, I gave: Igave, she put on the T-Shirt: she

Exercise

1. What is written on the

Living room table? a) an arm of empty beer bottles b) a laptop c) a vase

2. Was liegt auf dem

floor? a) old beer bottles b) old newspapers c) old jackets

3. What does Gustavo do every morning? a) He sings loudly. b) He dances loudly. c) He listens to music.



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4. What do you normally use dishwashing liquid for? a) for washing dishes b) for showering c) for the

5. Was gibt Dino Ingrid zum

Wear? a) a black T-shirt b) an old jacket c) a white T-shirt

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## 5. The mask

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Yesterday I was at the cinema with Ingrid. The film was in Norwegian, with German subtitles. I didn't understand much. The film was about a man with

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siert das Ego des Mannes.

The film was in black and white. I met Ingrid  
asked if the colors in the cinema were broken. She laughed and said: "That's art."

The film was pretty boring. There is nothing  
happened. But that didn't matter. I hugged Ingrid. She laid her head on my shoulder.

The man with the mask is at the end of the film in  
ein Loch gefallen. Ingrid hat gesagt, das Loch symbolisiert die Depression des Mannes.

After the film we have a beer together  
drank in a bar. Ingrid said she was going to Hamburg the next morning. She said her sister lived there.

"Do you have siblings?" asked Ingrid. "Yes," I said. "Two brothers and a sister." "Do they also live there?"



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„IchhaseHandys“, sagteIngrid.„Aberdukannst  
meineEmail-Adressehaben,wennduwillst“

She took a pen and a piece of paper from her  
handbag, wrote something and gave me the note.

Then she kissed me on the cheek and said:  
“Goodbye!” and goodbye.

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in Norwegian: in Norwegian, subtitles: subtitles, understood:understod,Thefilm wasabout...:Thefilm v



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1. Ingrid's sister... a) studies philosophy in Berlin. b) studies film in Hamburg. c) studies philosophy in Berlin.

2. Where do dinosaur brothers live? a) in New York and Sicily b) in Sicily and Berlin c) in New York and Berlin.

3. Ingrid kissed Dino

... a) on the mouth

b) on the cheek

c) on the forehead



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6.Im Prinzenbad

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not so cold yet. The sun is shining a little today. Ted had the idea of going swimming. But where?

&quot;Beach Bath Wanse&quot;, said Ted. &quot;Wiekommenwirdorthin?&quot;,freighteich.

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Tedtip teased something on his phone and said:  
“First we take the bus M29, then the S-Bahn S1.”

“What about the bathing ship?” I asked. “Is that an indoor swimming pool?”

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“A floating swimming pool in the river?”  
asked Chang. “I don’t understand.”

“You can’t swim directly in the Spree.  
The river is too dirty,” I said.

“And the bathing ship is infested with hipsters,”  
said Ted.

Chang said: “Or we’ll go to the Baltic Sea.” Ted laughed. “Are you crazy?”

From here to the Baltic Sea it is more than three hours by train.”

„Oh,okay“,sagteChang.  
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gone. There is an outdoor swimming pool just a few minutes away.

At the entrance stood a man with a “security  
heit” T-shirt. He searched our bags.

“What are you looking for?” asked Chang. “Knives, batons, pistols?” he said  
shaking head.

Then we bought tickets. Four  
Euro per Person.

Das Prinzenbad ist ein interessanter Ort. Man  
hears a lot of Arabic, Turkish and German here. Here you can see girls in bikinis next to women in &c

The water had a good temperature. Not  
too warm, not too cold. Swimming was difficult. The children always jump into the water from the side

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phon: "Don't jump from the edge of the pool!" But the children aren't interested.

After swimming we had fries  
sen.Red and white, with mayonnaise and ketchup.Then we were tired.

&quot;Nice here,&quot; said Chang. &quot;It's better,&quot; said Ted. &quot;Next time,&q

turned black. It started to rain.

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not yet: notyet, a little bit: a little bit, he had the idea: he had the idea, to go swimming: to go swim

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Exercise

1. What is the Badeschif? a) a swimming pool on the Spree b) a swimming pool on the Baltic Sea c) a
2. Why can't you swim in the Spree? a) The river is too cold. b) The river is too dirty. c) The river
3. From Berlin to the Baltic Sea it is... a) less than two hours by train. b) more than three hours by train

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4. DasPrinzenbadist

... a)an outdoor pool. b)an indoor pool. c)a lido.

5. What does the security service want? a) Knives, batons, water pistols b) Swords, batons, pistols c)

6. Which languages does Dinoim hear

Prinzenbad? a)Arabic,Spanish,German b)Arabic,Turkish,German c)Armenian,Turkish,German

7. What does fries &quot;red and white&quot; mean?



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a) Apples, mayonnaise and ketchup

b) French fries with mayonnaise and tomatoes c) French fries with garlic and ketchup

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7. Ohne Mo snixlos

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I wrote Ingrid an email. She  
haven't answered yet. Maybe I can visit you in Hamburg. I've never been to Hamburg. I

I check my emails every day  
Sometimes I just get advertising or



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tet, first as a taxi driver, then in a pizzeria,

dannineinerBankundsoweiterundsofort.

Now Alfredo has a lot of money, but he never  
Time. I have a lot of time but not much money.

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8. Coal, installment plan

d ghosts

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Es ist jetzt Herbst. Das Wetter ist sehr schlecht.  
The sky is grey. It is cold and raining all the time.

Our apartment is very old. We have no  
Central heating. In our living room there is a



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old tiled stove. It's a big brown block in the corner of the room. Chang says the stove is more t

The tiled stove has a small door. First open  
Open the door, then put a few pieces of wood and a briquette in. Use a lighter and a bit of newspaper

We have ordered a ton of coal. The coal  
is in the basement. We live on the fourth floor. Most houses in Berlin do not have an elevator.

When we need coal, we go to the cellar. The cellar is dark and dirty. There are rats there. (Chang say



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