Explanations

3 stages students have to go through
Learning
Reinforcing
Production

We should also teach culture and critical thinking!

The first stage here is to go through flags of countries with German as their languages to show and point out both country names and colors first, the second stage we have them recognize the flags by name and then in the third stage have them click on the right colors and names for the flags and drag them to the flags; with our little info slide we teach them something about Europe (cultural knowledge) and we can add critical thinking by adding other countries where German is spoken such as Brazil or Namibia (Nazi refuge and colonial politics).

Willkommen!

In welchen Ländern ist Deutsch die offizielle Sprache?
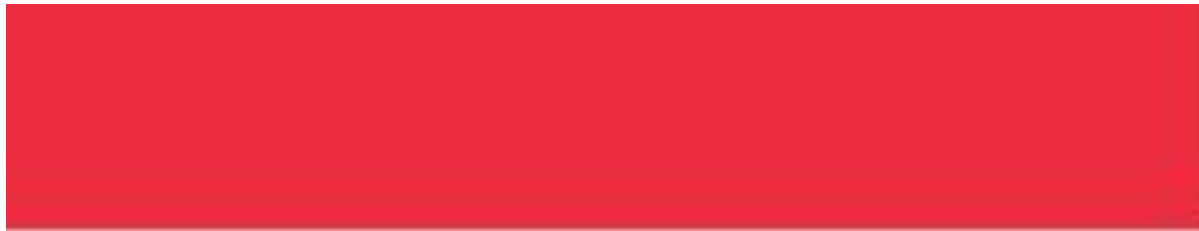
Deutschland

Österreich

Belgien

Liechtenstein

Luxembourg

Die Schweiz

So viele Länder!

The language of philosophers and thinkers, German comes in second for the largest native-speaking population in Europe. It's the sole official language of Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein, and it's a co-official language in Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg. With all of those countries combined, **approximately 95 million people in Europe speak German as their first language**. And did you know that German is the mostly widely-understood language after English? This is because it's popular as a second (or third, or fourth) language in Denmark, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Poland, Finland, Hungary, and many other European countries.

Dies oder das…?

Deutschland oder Belgien?

a) Deutschland   b) Belgien

Dies oder das…?

Österreich oder die Schweiz?

a) Die Schweiz   b) Österreich

Dies oder das…?
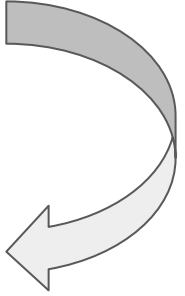
Liechtenstein oder Luxembourg?

a) Liechtenstein   b) Luxembourg

Ordnet den Flaggen die Länder zu: Deutschland, Belgien, Liechtenstein, die Schweiz, Österreich, Luxembourg

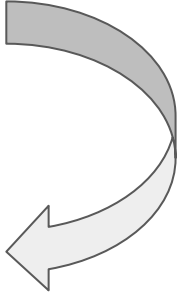# Die Farben der Flaggen

rot

weiß

schwarz
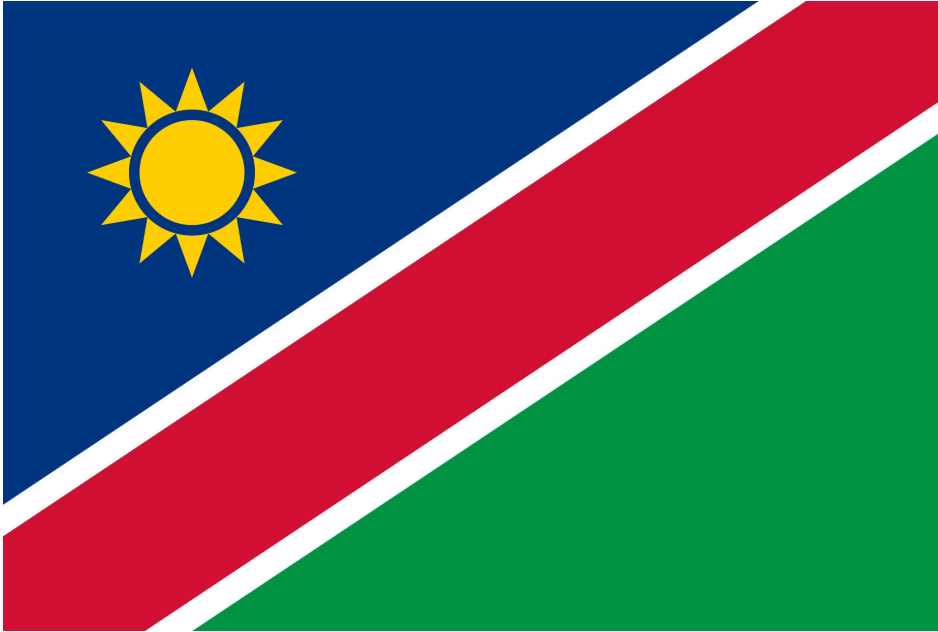
dunkelblau

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Ordnet den Flaggen die Farben zu: weiß, schwarz, rot, dunkelblau, hellblau, gelb, gold

Critical thinking example

Another country where German is spoken…

Namibia

History of German in Namibia

During the period as a German colony from 1884 to 1915 German was the only official language in German Southwest Africa, as Namibia was then known. South Africa took over administration of the country in 1915. However, German language privileges and education remained in place. After the end of the First World War the South African attitude to the German Namibians changed, and between 1919 and 1920 about half of the Germans were transferred out of the country. The German-speaking population wished German to be reinstated as an official language and in 1932 the Treaty of Cape Town encouraged South Africa to do so. South Africa did not officially recognise German; however, de facto German was added to Afrikaans and English as a working language of the government. Only in 1984 would German officially be added as an official language.

After independence in 1990, English became the sole official language of Namibia, and German thus lost its official status, but German today continues to be used in a wide range of spheres of Namibian life.