

# Hallo Taxi!

# Hey, taxi!

The aim of this lesson is to make you aware of certain techniques that can belp you to understand a foreign language. These are techniques that you use all the time in your own language, although you may not be conscious of doing so. If you apply these techniques during this course, you will be able to guess the meaning of expressions in German even if you do not know the individual words. For example, you can guess the meaning of the word "Tor" (goal) because you can tell from the sound effects that a football match is being played. Or, by listening to the tone and intonation of someone's voice, you can tell whether that person is happy or sad. You may also be able to guess the meaning of some words in German because they sound similar to words you know in English or perhaps in another foreign language, such as "Taxi". And, of course, since certain situations are the same the world over, you can often get the gist of a dialogue, even if you do not understand everything.

The following scene takes place in the street. Dr. Thürmann, a regular guest at the Hotel Europa, hails a taxi. A taxi draws up, Dr. Thürmann gets in and tells the taxi driver (**Taxifahrer**) where he wants to go.

**Dr. Thürmann:** Hallo, Taxi! **Taxifahrer:** Guten Tag.

**Dr. Thürmann:** Guten Tag. Hotel Europa bitte.

Taxifahrer: Hotel Europa, okay.

## WÖRTER UND WENDUNGEN

#### **WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS**

Hallo! das Taxi das Hotel Europa bitte okay Also – bis bald! Hey! (when hailing a taxi) taxi

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Europe
please
okay
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Bye for now!

Here are some words you may recognise from English or from another language:

die Philosophie die Medizin die Theologie studieren philosophy medicine theology to study

## ÜBUNGEN

#### **EXERCISES**

Once you have stored important information in your memory, you never forget it. You can apply this knowledge when you hear or read a new language if you remember the following points. Do not attempt to understand every individual word. Instead, just try to comprehend the main information. Try out this technique in the following exercises.

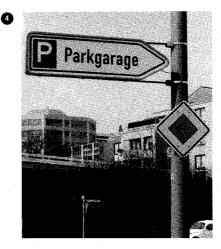
- 1 Look at the signs below. Write down the numbers of the signs which show:
- 1. times
- 2. directions











- 2 Identify the printed information below and write the correct letter in the box.
- television programme
- 2. instructions



3 Look at the job advertisements below. What sort of jobs do they refer to? Put the correct letter in the boxes.

1. secretary 4. hairdresser	<ul><li>(a)</li><li>(b)</li></ul>	<ul><li>2. perfume sales assistant</li><li>5. telephonist</li></ul>	0	3. electrician 6. taxi driver	0



4 What do the following advertisements refer to? Write your answers in English in the space provided.



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4.		5.	4 - 1 - 1	6.	
7.					

5 What do you think the encircled word means?

Dr. Thürmann (fährt) mit dem Taxi ins Hotel.

6 Underline the words you recognise in the following text which help you to understand the meaning.

Am 21. Dezember gegen 22.00 blieb im Anschluß an eine Taxifahrt von der Schubertstraße zur Stiftstraße 22 eine Fototasche mit einer "Nikon 501"-Kamera plus Zubehör im Taxi.