

# Learning Circle

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# BOOKS

Hey to the whole learning circle!!

I want to talk about books, because I love reading. And you?

I love to read books about Vampires, Werewolves or other creatures, I find them very interesting! Like the Twilight-Saga or the Vampire Academy-Books.

Do you like books about that?

Or what kind of books do you read?

I would be very happy if you answered me!

Waiting for your reply.

*Ann-Kathrin from Jever, Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

half a year in the past and before, I hated reading.

I decided to buy a book, I wanted a Sci-Fi book or something like that, because I read one 3 years ago. So I went to the library and bought a book. It's called "The Vampires" by Kim Newman.

It's a great and a fascinating book. It's not Sci-Fi but I decided to buy it, because it looked quite interesting. I really like to read it. I like to watch films and read books about vampires and werewolves like the trilogy "Underworld".

I'm very interested in space and the stars, so I looked for a book which explains space. I found a book by Stephen Hawking. It's called "Die illustrierte kurze Geschichte der Zeit" (The illustrated short history of time). The book looked very interesting so I bought it a month ago. Hawking's explanations are great and very easy to understand. Everyone should read a book by Stephen Hawking. It's great, I can just suggest it.

Well, that's my story about books.

*Keno from Jever, Germany.*

**Hello Keno !**

Thank you for answering.

Why did you hate reading? It's beautiful.

Yes, the Underworld-films are very nice and I love them.

Do you know the film Van Helsing? It's great! I heard about the book "The Vampires" but I've never read it.

And I think if have never read a book written by Stephen Hawking.

I hope you will answer.

Many greetings

*Ann-Kathin, Jever, Germany*

**Hello Ann-Kathrin!**

Well, I don't know why I hated reading. At that time I played so much on my computer and had no fun with reading. But I have changed my mind. :-)

Van Helsing? Of course! It's a very good film, but a long time ago I watched it. You have never read a book by Stephen Hawking, but you should do it in the future. Really, if you choose to buy one, it would be the right decision. Just great, that's all I can say.

Greetings

*Keno, from Jever, Germany*

**Dear Keno!**

I love reading in the evening - it's kind of relaxing ;D

The van Helsing film I've watched a long time ago too but it's too good to forget ;D.

And not to forget the X-Men-Films (including x-men origins wolverine) are films I could watch every day if I had them on DVD,.....^^

Well, maybe I will read a book by Stephen Hawking. Can you suggest some to me?

It would be great!

*Greetings, Ann-Kathrin from Germany*

**Answer Keno to Ann-Kathrin**

Oh yes, reading in the evening is great. I'm just reading at that time. I've got almost every X-men film here. The new X-men Origins, too.

The book by Stephen Hawking I read is named, "Die illustrierte kurze Geschichte der Zeit" ("The illustrated short History of Time"). You should search it on amazon for example and look if it's interesting or not.

*Greetings*

*Keno, from Germany*

**Dear Keno,**

I think Hugh Jackman, the one who played the "Wolverine" role is a very good actor, and one of my favorites too.

The summary of the book sounds interesting. But I can't promise that I will read it.

I'll see.

But thanks for your answer :)

I hope you'll write back!

*Greetings*

*Ann-Kathrin from Germany*

**Hey Ann-Kathrin,**

I share your opinion. Hugh Jackman as "Wolverine" was very good. Other films like "The Prestige" with Hugh Jackman are also great.

Well, you have to know if you want to read it or not. Yes, see it if you read it or not. No problem for the answer!

*Best wishes*

*Keno, from Jever*

**Dear Keno,**

first thanks for your answer.

And Hugh Jackman is very great!

The Prestige is nice, too, I saw it not a long time ago.

Do you know Nicolas Cage? He acts in the films "ghost rider" or "Next"?

He's nice to.

*Well, many greetings*

*Ann-Kathrin, Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

you're welcome! Of course I know Nicolas Cage, though I don't like "Ghost Rider" very much. Next is a very good film, but the open ending is quite annoying. Especially I like the film Gone in Sixty Seconds with Nicolas Cage and Angelina Jolie. You might know her? She's a very good actress.

Have you watched the film?

Well, our topic should be Films and not Books. Slightly digressed from our topic? ;-)

*Greetings*

*Keno, from Jever*

**Dear Keno,**

well, I like the film "Ghost rider".

I don't know the film "Gone in Sixty Seconds".

Angela Jolie is a very good actress, that's right.

I like the film "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" with her and Brad Pitt.

Well, I think it should be films and not books,.....

But that's no problem ;)

*Many greetings and a nice day.*

*And of course thanks for your answer.*

*Ann-Kathrin, Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

I wanted to write you, because I love reading, too.

The first long book, which I read, was Harry Potter in the second class. I had summer holidays and so I read every day. After this I read more and more books. I like many books, because so many books I read are really good. But the best books that I read are: Whisper, Rubinrot, twilight, Hexengeflüster, Drachenreiterin and many more. But these are the best. I don't know how they are named in English. Now you know that I read the twilight-saga, too.

I think the first book is so fantastic. I read it and I couldn't stop reading. I think the second and the third are ok. I like reading them, too. But the fourth book, I think, is so exaggerated. In this book there is so much information and the author put so many things into it, and because of that I think it is not so good. The author of twilight has written another book. It is called Seelen. Have you read it?

*I hope you will answer me.*

*Mariell, Jever, Germany*

**Dear Mariell,**

thanks for your mail.

You like fantasy books too, that great!

Of course I read "Seelen" the English title is "The host". And I like it, because it was something completely different than the books I read before. The idea to write a book about that was very nice.

Well, I can't agree with you. The fourth book I like very much, because of those many details and events especially when the "Volturi" came to visit them. I like that crazy meeting.

But there is something I don't like namely that you don't know if Nessy will choose Jacob as her boyfriend when she's grown-up.

*Many greetings to you!*

*Wish you answered me!*

*Ann-Kathrin from Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

Yes, I like fantasy books very much.

I think "the host" is a very good book. I agree with you that it is a completely different book than the books I read before. I think it was a very good idea to write something like this. Which book from the twilight-saga do you like most ? I think it's good that Jacob doesn't love Bella anymore, because she doesn't love him. But I think the book is so full of information that you can't put this detail into it.

Who is your favourite? Edward or Jacob ? I liked Edward very much when I read the book. But the film is so different to the books. I think Robert Pattinson is not the perfect cast for this character. When I saw the film I was very disappointed, because the books are so fantastic and the film is so bad. But I think the films are mostly worse than the books. Do you think so, too ? I think sometimes reading is like addiction. When you begin to read a book it needs time to identify with the characters, but after this time I couldn't stop reading. Do you think it's the same with you?

I'm happy that you answered me.

I wish you a good day and hope I will hear from you soon.

*Mariell, Jever, Germany*

**Dear Marielle,**

yes it is a great book.

I like Edward more than Jacob.

Yes, I can understand your opinion that you think the book is too full of information, but I like books when there is more information because I think if there is not a hell of a lot information the book could be boring. But it's my opinion.

Yes, I agree a second time with you I had a different picture of the people in my head but I think the actors in the films are great, too. And I love the first two films.

Have you already seen the second film? It's really great especially the presentation of the werewolves - it's very successful!!

Well, when I start reading a book the first pages decide if I read it till the end or not, because when the first pages are very, very boring I will stop reading it. But that doesn't happen very often, because most of the time I choose the books which I want to read by myself, it sometimes happens when the books are a present to me.

Do you read a book at the moment?

*Many greetings and a nice day!*

*Ann-Kathrin, Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

I like Edward more than Jacob, too. I think Jacob is a very nice character. But I think he is not the right one for Bella. And you read the book with Bella's mind.

I like series of books, because I'm always sad when a book comes to an end. And when you have a series of books you have a longer story. But sometimes it's not good, because sequels can change the story of a book. Sometimes sequels are not as good as the first book.

Yes, I have seen the second film. And I like it. But I like the books more than the films, because I think the films and the books are so different. You can't compare them.

At present I read Twilight again, because it's a long time ago since I read it. The next new book that I want is named Saphirblau. I read the first book (Rubinrot) and I liked it very much. But it gets out in January. And then it's no more Christmas. I have seen a book and I liked the summary but I don't know if it's good or not. Do you know Faunblut? It sounds very good.

*Best wishes and a good day.*

*Mariell, Jever, Germany*

**Hey Ann-Kathrin.**

I also love reading books. Always when I have some free time you can see me reading.

At the moment I'm reading a book by Stephanie Meyer. I suspect you know her – she's the author of the "Biss" – books. Have you read them? I haven't yet but I want to. The book I'm reading is named "Seelen". It's about a kind of aliens who take over the human beings' bodies. Souls are always friendly and have a never-ending life. But there's a small group of people who could hide themselves so that they have to steal to survive. When a new soul gets into Melanie's body, Melanie's personality is still there and she's able to give the soul her own feelings.

The book is a little bit confusing and not really easy to read. You always have to remember the different persons or even better spirits in one body. Because of this you can look at the story from different directions.

I also like the books by Christopher Paolini – Eragon. I was so excited last year when the third volume came out, because in the first I read that it would only be a trilogy – but then there was a very big disappointment: The first volume is only about two big battles and nothing else that would be important for the story. Of course I read the book and I'll buy the third volume also when it gets published but in my opinion now it has to be very, very, very good.

I don't like it when publishing houses tell the author: "Oh we could sell your book so well... Maybe you're able to write one more?" That sounds idiotic but it's like that.

I also read the Harry Potter – books and from the first up to the third book they became even more exciting and interesting but after that they got boring. The fifth book has 1021 pages and just maybe 400 are interesting and important to continue the story. So there was another big disappointment. The sixth book had a little bit of suspense but is too short. You have to think that every book stands for one school-year. And since the third book there isn't happening enough and also the way Joanne-K. Rowling is getting through the time is bad...

So now you know something about my favourite books and my opinion on some very famous ones. =]

I hope you have found it interesting and you want to tell me your opinion to my points of view.

*Annika, from Jever, Germany*

**Dear Annika!**

thanks for your answer!

Of course I've read the "Biss"-Books! And I love them.

I read the book "Seelen", too, and I think it's a nice idea to write something like that. But, well I don't think it's complicated to follow the story and with the characters I had no problem. The ending of that book is very very nice, I can tell you. I'm not sure have you already read it till the end? Because if you haven't I won't tell you what I wanted to say, because I don't want to betray something.

The Eragon books by Christopher Paolini I haven't read but I watched the first movie! And it was very exciting! Have you seen it?

And I don't read the Harry Potter books because I don't take a liking to them but the films are nice.

At the moment I have started reading a new series "The Vampire's Diary" ( Tagebuch eines Vampires) and the first pages are very interesting.

It's about two brothers, Stephano and Demon. They both fall for Elena. Demon wants to drink her blood and kill her. Stephano is sad because he loves her. But how the story goes on and what the ending is I don't know and don't want to know from somebody, because first I want to read them.

If you like Thrillers or Horror books I can recommend to you " Ewig sollst du schlafen" by Lisa Jackson. It's about a sadistic, morbid person who buried people alive. And the persons have fun doing this. Nikki Gillette is a journalist and the murders are new stuff to write about, because she doesn't know that she plays the key role! If you like those books you really have to read them!

*Many greetings to you! Ann-Kathrin, Germany*

**Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

you want to talk about books? Me too. If I don't know what I can do, I read. I like good books., maybe thrillers or fantasy-books.

You said that you read the twilight-saga. I read it too. For some time "Twilight" was my favourite book.

I think I liked it so much, because it's a parallel world to ours, with vampires and this stuff. The first book is the best one, because there is everything ok and Bella is happy with Edward and not Jake. Because of that I don't like the second book very much, because Edward isn't there. :D In the third book I was really angry, because Jake was so saucy and Edward didn't do anything, and so it was cruel for me as an Edward-Fan. The fourth book is ok, but I think it's full of information, but after the first book it's the best one.

What kind of books do you like?

Do you read the books in English too? I did, because the fourth book wasn't on the market in German, so I bought it in English ;)

I like thrillers very much, and what about you? Do you know the books by Simon Beckett? I love them.

*Bye, Kaya :)*

*Kaya from Jever, Germany.*

## **Hello Kaya!**

I'm happy that you answered me!

I agree with you that the first and the fourth book are the best of the twilight-saga.

I like thrillers, especially by Andreas Franz. Do you know him?

No, I don't know Simon Beckett!

No, I don't read the Twilight-saga in English; D but at the moment I am reading an English book, the fourth book of the Vampire Academy-Books. I love those books, and they deal with Vampires, too. And the English is easy to understand. The first three books I read in German, but the forth hasn't yet been translated, so I bought it in English. I can really recommend them, if you like to read stories about Vampires; D.

I would be very glad if you answered me!

*Many greetings,*

*Ann-Kathrin from Germany*

## **Dear Ann-Kathrin,**

Sometime I read a lot but in the last time I haven't had enough time for reading. I like reading Thrillers ( for Example Tom Clancy or John Grisham) but mostly I like reading history novels. I also liked reading fantasy novels like Lord of the Rings but I never read books about Vampires or Werewolves. I can't understand the whole hype about the Twilight-Saga and I think that a bit ridiculous, but that's only my opinion. The most books I read are about the 3rd world and about the foundation and development of Israel. If I had to pick one favorite book I would chose "Exodus" by Leon Uris. Normally the name Exodus is one part of the Bible and means the escape of the Israeli people from Egypt. But the book Exodus describes the situation of the Jews in Europe after the second world war and the holocaust. After that most of them wanted to get out of Europe. The novel is based on true facts and describes the hard way to Palestine and the obstacles they have pass. The book describes very well the antisemitism against the Jews (yes, still after the second world war), and the birth of the conflict between the Jews and the Muslims.

*By Hauke Jever, Germany*

## **Dear Hauke!**

in my free time I don't read books about the 3rd world or something, because I don't really like that kind of books.

But I read thrillers e.g by Andreas Franz. They're nice.

Well, some people like the Twilight, others don't.

But I think sometimes the books are better than the films because in a book there are more details. But Twilight and the continuation New Moon are really successful in my opinion.

As I have never heard of the book Exodus I can't say anything about it.

Many greetings

*Ann-Kathrin from Germany*

# **Music**

We want to talk with you about music.

Music is a good topic because we like to play music and to listen to music.

- What do you think about music?

- Do you like to listen to music?

- And what are your favourite genres and bands?

- Do you play an instrument?

- What is your favourite song?

- What does music mean to you

We could write and compose our Circle song!

*Felix and Benedikt, from Jever, Germany*

## **Metal**

Hey,

is there anyone who listens to harder ways of metal music? Death metal, traditional true metal, black metal, Deathgrind/Grindcore etc. ... Perhaps to technical / virtuosic / progressive styles, such as Technical Death Metal?

If so, which are your preferred styles and bands? Which songs and musicians please you? Do you play this music, or have at least tried it, and if you do, which instrument do you play?

Now, to start the whole dialogue, I'll answer my own questions.

I really love this music, especially progressive death metal, the early tampa style, from the 1980s to 90s.

Other metal genres I like are (brutal-) death metal, deathgrind, Thrash metal, true metal, viking metal, some

symphonic metal and a bit of deathcore.

My favourite bands are "Death" and "Control Denied", the early era of "Gorefest", "Six Feet Under", "Sadus", "Kataklym", "God Dethroned" and "Heaven Shall Burn", "Manowar", "Týr", "Vader" and "Nightwish".

If you don't know these bands, watch a video of them on YouTube, google them or however, research them.

To my last question, I play the electric bass. My way of playing is two-finger style, because I dislike the often used method of picking. In my opinion, also an electric bass, should sound hollow, deep and woody.

My preferred song to play along is "The Philosopher" from "Death". Originally it's played on a fretless bass, but I have played only for a year, so I am just learning fretted bass playing.

So, I would be happy about a quick reply. Thanks, a keep on rockin'.

*Pascal, Jever, Germany*

### **Hey Pascal!**

I like many kinds of metal, especially Heavy Metal. I also like melodic-, folk-, sometimes deathmetal and metalcore. Well, some bands I like are Nightwish, Metallica, Iron Maiden (my favourite band at the moment), Grave Digger, Judas Priest, Ensiferum, Trivium, Heaven Shall Burn and As I Lay Dying (sometimes). Some rock and Irish bands and other genres, Arctic Monkeys, Flogging Molly, Dropkick Murphys, Van Halen, Buena Vista Social Club (great music!) and so on.

I play the guitar and drums at the moment. I have just started to play the drums a month ago. I play songs on the guitar from Nightwish like "She is my Sin" and some more, or from Ensiferum some Solo's and Rhythms. There are many more songs I have played or at least tried to.

As I said, I have just have started playing the drums, so I'm not very good. I play some normal beats and try to make my own rhythms, though it's going better and better.

I hope I'll get a reply from you the next days.

*Keno, from Jever, Germany.*

### **Hi,**

I want to write something about my favourite musician. It's Michael Jackson. I have listened to his music since I was born because my father was a big fan of him. With his music I connect a lot of experiences. Sad experiences, happy experiences... I like him because his music is so divers, his live acts were legendary, his moonwalk, his show.

But we don't have to forget he was firstly a human. A good one. He achieved very much for the black people, poor people or handicapped people.

On 25th June he died of the medicament Propofol. I saw this in the TV 9 am. At the first moment I was shocked and I thought that was a bad joke. But it wasn't. On a few TV channels they showed concerts of him that night. I watched nearly all of them.

My favourite songs of him are Billie Jean, Earth Song and Smooth Criminal but I like nearly every song of him. This weekend I wanna watch his film "This is it" in the cinema.

Now a few questions:

Do you like his music?

How did you feel on 25th June?

What are your favourite songs?

Have you seen the movie, yet? *Best regards Malte, Jever, Germany*

### **Hello Malte,**

In our opinion Michael Jackson was a very important musician. He sold lots of CDs and had many accidents with drugs and other things.

He was an important musician for the new Pop music. The day when he died was a very sad day. We saw the funeral on TV and all the famous stars who sang at the burial. It was very sad. Our favourite songs are: Billy Jean, smooth criminal, Thriller, Beat it.

We haven't yet watched the movie in the cinema. Michael Jackson was a god. He could dance and sing perfectly.

We think there will never be a person in the world like Michael Jackson. But we know that Michael Jackson lived in our time and we had the honor to listen to Michael's music when he lived.

*Felix Benedikt, Jever, Germany*

**I think music is the best way to show or find feelings and minds.** I think every human listens to music but not every human listens to the same music and that's good cause everyone can identify himself with his music and be individual. Music has a big influence on everyone of us, it can change or set your character and appearance.

With playing music you can express a lot of things and you can inspire and convince the people. You can use music in so many parts of life and music matches to nearly all things and situations.

I like listening to music and do it nearly the whole time and my favorite genres are Rock and Hip-Hop. My favorite bands or groups are Billy Talent, Linkin Park, Green Day and my favorite solo artist are Jay-Z, Eminem, Kanye West, 2Pac and Sean Paul. Which music I listen to depends of the situation and my mood. At the moment

I am listening to Billy Talent : Sympathy.

I don't play an instrument, I tried it for 4 years (when I was 8), but now I can't even read music notes.

It's very difficult to select one favorite song but I think Renegade by Jay-Z feat Eminem and Numb/Encore by Jay-Z feat Linkin Park are one of my favorite songs.

Music is very important to me because I listen to music when I relax, celebrate, consider, do sports or do something for school. Without music all the things would be boring or senseless. Music takes an influence onto my behaviour and my mind but doesn't rule my life. For some people music is everything, they play an instrument, dress them self like their artist or music genre dress code.

I don't go so far with that kind of identification but that depends on everyone in his own way.

*By Hauke, Jever, Germany*

### **Hello Hauke,**

we like listening to music all the time, too. Music makes us happy and it feels incredible. Music is our identification. We do all things with music. We play instruments: Guitar and Bass and we also can read notes. It's a very good advantage for playing songs you don't know. At Christmas time our families sing and we play the guitar or bass---->CHRISTMAS-FEELING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Every Christmas is a good harmony between all people, who are invited and so on.

MUSIC IS OUR LIFE, TOO !!!!!!!!! *Benedikt + Felix, Jever, Germany*

### **Hi Max, Hauke and Lars(☺))))))**

Thank you for your letter. It's cool that you listen to rock, hip-hop and techno. I dance not only hip-hop, but tectonic and fork dance. As for me I like to listen to music and dance hip-hop. I love to watch funny films. I like singing; my favorite song is "I found a way". What are your favorite songs and dishes? I start to dance hip-hop three years old. I want to know much more about you. I'll be lucky if the weather will be sunny all year around. I don't like winter, because winter is a cold season. But I like to watch snow in the evening because it is a very beautifully. Have you got a sister or a brother? What are their names? Our school is closed now because of flu. What's weather like in Germany? Ksenya, Rita and I want to work on project "Music». We hope to get your suggestions on it. *Best wishes Kristina, Abaza, Russia*

**In Friesland**, which is near the North Sea Coast, there are a lot of people who go to rock festivals. The most famous rock festival in Germany is, "Rock am Ring". Every year 75000 people go to this festival.

In our region there is a little rock festival, too, and the name is "Rock am Schloss". This festival began with 50 people as a normal student party with one band. 5 years later 5000 people came and there were 15 bands. I (Tim) and Sebi have gone to Rock am Schloss for 3 years and it is a lot of fun. The village where the festival takes place, is near Jever and is called Gödens. The festival is 3 days long and the people camp there. They drink a lot of alcohol and enjoy the music. Rock am Schloss is a peaceful festival. The lord and organizer did his school degree at the MG Jever, our school. You can tell us about festivals in your country. *best regards Tim and Sebi*

### **Hello Sebi, hello Tim!!!!!!!!!!**

It sounds very good. Felix and I have gone to this festival too for 3 years and we had a lot of fun together. There are many more festivals in our region like the "Hurricane"-Festival. There are every year over 50.000 people, who have fun, drink alcohol, and maybe take drugs. All Rock festivals are peaceful. We like to go to rock festivals, because there you can get to know many new people. You can drink alcohol, listen to music, and you are without your parents. You can PARTY!!!!!! But our favourite Festival was "Woodstock". It was the best festival of the world. It was in 1969. Some artists were: Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Santana and many more. At that festival 95% took drugs. This festival is the Mother festival for all the others.

Do you know other festivals??

What is your opinion about drugs during Rock-Festivals???

Please answer!

*Felix + Benedikt, Jever, Germany*

### **Dear Felix and Benedikt**

I'm Ayesadhira, a student of SMA 1 Padang. For me, music is my life since it cause it gives me many benefits. I can get new inspiration after listening to music, that's why I love music and like to play music such guitar. Sometimes I play music with my friends. I like Michael Jackson, Green Day, etc.

*Ayesadhira, Padang, Indonesia*

**My name is Fara**, I attend SMA 1 Padang. Music makes me joyful. Listening to good and soulful music help me attain self improvement and have a better quality of life. So, I often listen to music in my spare time. I like pop music.

*Fara, Padang, Indonesia*



# Movies

Hello,

This is the topic we would like to talk about:

- movies

- What is your favourite movie? Tell us its story! Why do you like it?
- Do you prefer watching movies in the cinema or to watch them on DVD? Why?
- What was the last movie you watched? Did you like it and would you watch it again?
- Do you also like anime? If you like them, which are your favourites? And why?
- Describe your personal experiences of the best movies you have watched!

*Jannika, Wiebke and Anke, from Jever, Germany*

## Dear Jannika, Wiebke and Anke,

Thanks so much for your letter. My name is Helen. I am writing to you to tell about my own personal experience of the best movies I have watched. My favorite movie is «Twilight». I like it very much. First time I watched it with my best friend. This film is about love between a vampire and a simple girl. Throughout the film they face difficulties, but the power of love helps them overcome everything. «Twilight» - tense, but at the same time romantic movie. I really liked the idea of this movie.

General I like to watch different films. I love to watch them at home on DVD, because you can get delicious food, sit in a comfortable chair, a warm blanket to escape and enjoy the movie. I also love to watch movies in the cinema with my friends or boyfriend. The last film I have watched was «Angel A». I liked it too. But he long ago had been released. I especially remember and liked the fact that the film was black and white. It gave him originality since nowadays modern technology all the films are very bright with a riot of colors. The film is about a man who had a big problem, which he could not solve. Heavens sent him a girl-angel, to help. This film is philosophical. I would be happy to watch it again.

Unfortunately, I do not like anime.

Tell me about the movies that you love to watch. I will be very interested in hearing about your impressions of the films that you have already seen.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. *Yours faithfully, Helen*

## Dear Helen,

Thank you for your reply. The movies you described sound very interesting to me although I do not know them. My favourite movies are the "Lord of the Rings"-movies - you probably know them. In case you don't, here is what they are about:

There was a time of peace in Middle-Earth, but now the dark forces are rising again and the only way to defeat them forever is to destroy the dark disposer's ring of power. So a fellowship is formed and sent to fulfill this quest. On their way they live through many adventures and sometimes it all seems to fail, but in the end, of course, the good guys win.

I really love these movies because I like the story, most of the characters and the way the film is made - and because I adore fantasy movies.

I also prefer DVDs 'cause it's just much more comfortable and much cheaper to watch films at home. Well, watching movies in the cinema is surely overwhelming but the only big cinema in our region is extremely expensive and uncomfortable. They take nearly €10 for entrance fee - to borrow a DVD is €2 for each film. The last movie I watched was "Kill your Darling", a German thriller, but it wasn't really thrilling, though. I was a bit bored of it so I wouldn't like to watch it again.

I would be happy to get to know some more good movies, so are there some you would suggest to me?

I'm looking forward to your reply. *Nice greetings, Wiebke*

## Hi Helen,

Thanks for your reply to our mail. I also think the films you described sound really interesting.

Well, just like Wiebke, I really like the 'Lord of the Rings'-trilogy, but my favourite movies are the 'Detective Conan'-films.

Those are films, which go with an anime, also called 'Detective Conan'.

They're about the 17-year-old Shinichi Kudo, who's caught in the body of a primary school student. But this doesn't affect his powers of deduction: Just like his idol Sherlock Holmes he takes on every case and solves it, whereas the self-appointed brilliant private detective Kogoro Mori still is groping around in the dark.

I also love comedies, some horror movies, and most of all fantasy movies. Mostly I watch them on DVD, because you can sit at home, wrapped in your covers, with crisps and sweets and a coke and you and your friends can giggle and laugh as loud as you want and nobody will complain. :P

You surely know some other great films - tell me about them!

I'm looking forward to your next mail! *Best wishes, Anke*

**Dear Helen,**

thank you so much for answering our letter. I know the film "Twilight", too. But I don't like it, because for me it is a typical film for girls and all I hear about it was for me very boring. My favourite movie is "Pirates of the Caribbean" and I like all three films of it. It is a kind of funny film on the one hand, but on the other hand it is very serious and there is a lot of action. There are so many dialogues which are so cool and funny.

I also prefer watching the films on DVD. At home it is the best way you can watch. You can watch them alone in a dark room with potato crisps or watch them together with your family in the living-room. You can also do an evening with your friends and watch with them a film.

It isn't as expensive as the cinema. But when I watch films in the cinema, it is a really different feeling from watching the films at home. It is somehow a special thing for some hours.

The last movie I watched was "Star Wars - Episode 1 to 6". One month ago I made with my father a "Star Wars Weekend". We watched all the Star Wars films. I liked the films. They have a lot of action and for me it was new, because I actually don't like science fiction, but these films I would watch again.

I hope you will answer Wiebke, Anke and me.

*Nice greetings, Jannika*

**Hi Jannika, Wiebke and Anke**

I want to write about movies because I love movies. I watch movies every time I can. I rarely watch movies in the cinema, but I often think about doing this. The atmosphere, if you watch a movie in a cinema is so phenomenal that I decided to watch 2012 in the cinema in the next few days. I heard much about this movie and I guess it would be nice to watch. For the last few years my favourite movie has been the Matrix trilogy. I love the story that the world is an illusion, just a computer program that just deceives the reality to the human beings. The human beings are caught in this program called the Matrix like involuntary slaves. Another reason is that this is possible and you can think of it longer. I personally don't like animes much but I think to watch Pokémon and so on is very funny. Maybe you watch Pokémon too. *Bye Max*

**Hi Max,**

I don't really like Pokémon. Some years ago I liked it, but now I only like to play it on Gameboy or Nintendo DS. I liked watching movies in the cinema, too. But watching movies at home I like more. It is the more comfortable and you can do there what you want to while watching the movie.

I've never watched the Matrix trilogy and I think I'm not going to watch them, because it doesn't sound very interesting to me. My favourite movie is "Pirates of the Caribbean". Actually you know the movie. I like all three films of this series and I could watch them again and again. There are so many dialogues which are so cool and funny. I also like the original sound tracks.

Which film would you watch again and why?

*Nice greetings, Jannika, Jever, Germany*

**Hi Max!**

Well, I've heard a lot about the film 2012, but I don't think I would like it.

I was thinking about watching the Matrix-films myself, just for fun, although I don't really like Sci-Fi.

Doesn't sound really interesting, but we'll see!

The series of Pokémon are very cute, but sometimes they are kind of too childish, in my opinion. But I did like the movies, I even watched two of them in the cinema together with my brother. But I prefer the Pokémon-games, like the Emerald-edition or Pokémon Stadium.

Hope we'll hear from you soon,

*Anke, Jever, Germany*

**Hi Anke**

In my mail I wrote, I will watch the movie 2012 in the cinema and I didn't, I just forgot it, but I think I will watch the 2012 DVD later.

Maybe you have watched the matrix trilogy now, and if you have, please give me a feedback whether you liked it or not.

I agree with you the Pokémon series are childish, but I only said it's funny, but that doesn't matter. I watched a Pokémon movie a long time ago and not in the cinema, but on TV. I think that the Pokémon games for the old game boy or the game boy color are the best. I even sometimes play the blue, yellow and red edition, but I don't like those Nintendo DS Pokémon games. You said you like Pokémon stadium. I played it the last time on the Nintendo 64 a long time ago and I just can remember a bit, but I know that I loved this game when I was younger. *Greetings, Max, Germany*

### **Hi Jannika**

First I want to say I don't really like Pokémon I just think it's funny to watch, but if you don't like it it's your case. I also think that Pirates of the Caribbean is a nice film, but I only watched the first part and it was amusing to watch. Now I think I will watch the other parts of the trilogy this week. Maybe then I can say whether there are a lot of funny dialogues or not. You said you like the original soundtrack of the film, and now I have a question. Do you listen to it on your portable music player or do you only like it? By the way, I don't think you do this. Last to your question which film I could watch again, I think I could watch the 4 scary movie parts again, they're very funny, no matter how many times you watch them.

*Greetings, Max, Germany*

### **Hello Jannika, Wiebke and Anke**

I love movies. My favourite movie is "Keinohrhasen": Ludo is reporter of a newspaper. Together with his photographer Moritz he interviews some famous people. When Wladimir Klitschko is about to toast Yvonne Catterfeld at their engagement party, Ludo and Moritz want to report about it. Ludo breaks through the glass dome of the restaurant and falls into the cake. And he gets 300 hours of community service at a daycare center. There he meets Anna, the center manager. Anna grew up in the same street like Ludo. She was mocked by him. Now she wants to take revenge to him with an uncomfortable task. Ludo doesn't fight this, because then he would go to prison. A few days later the relationship between Ludo and Anna have got better. They became friends.

When Anna's date with another man fails, she goes to Ludo. The two of them end up in bed. Anna's hope there would be more of it is disappointed. At the end of the film Ludo confesses his love to Anna.

I like the Movie , because the movie is funny and I like the actors.

I like to watch movies in the cinema more than watching DVD, because the picture is bigger. But watching DVD at night with friend is very nice, too.

The last Movie I watched in the cinema was "New Moon". I like the movie and want to watch it again.

What is your favourite movie? What was the last movie you watched?

*Bye Katharina, Jever*

### **Dear movie group,**

My favourite movie is Michael Jacksons - This is it. I watched him yesterday and it was amazing.

As you could read after his death he had very many problems with drugs and so on. But in this movie you can see him working in his passion. - The music. He was absolutely professional and he wanted to control everything in his show.

Many people say he couldn't sing live after all the things, which went wrong in his life. But HE CAN. The scenes out of his rehearsals, aren't edited like some other "stars" like Lady Gaga or Miley Cyrus.

This is the last time you can see Michael Jackson with his music, performance and love to all other human beings and the nature.

*Best regards, Malte, Jever, Germany*

## **Life in the different locations of the learning circle I**

As you already know, we live in Germany .

- What is your daily life like, and how do you spend your weekends?

- Describe a school day to us!

- How does your family live?

- What is important to you?

*Best wishes Ann-Kathrin, Anna-Lena, Regina and Annika, from Jever, Germany*

### **Hello,**

we are happy to hear that you will work together with us. We want to tell you something about our school in Jever. Our school is named Mariengymnasium. The main part is in Jever, but in Schortens is a second location. The school has 1500 pupils. We have a big cafeteria and a kiosk. And we have many workshops. For example the musical workshop.

The school has a big, old library. It contains are many old books. In our class we are 29 pupils. We came from both locations. 6 pupils come from Jever and 23 pupils come from the second location in Schortens. We all go to school in Jever now.

Jever is a beautiful town. Jever has a brewery, a castle and much more. People can go dancing and perform sports. All in all Jever is a nice town and the school is very good.

We will be glad to receive answers from you.

Yours

*Katharina and Mariell*

### **Jever: Our town and our school**

Jever is located in the north of Germany, near the north sea. Jever has got a population of 14.000. The town is well known, because there is a beer produced and the beer is called "Jever". In Jever there is a cinema, a castle, churches, museums etc. The mayoress is called Angela Dankwardt.

The Mariengymnasium Jever got its name from Lady Maria. It has two locations: Schortens and Jever. The location in Jever has got a mensa (cafeteria), a sports hall, a gymnastics hall, a big library, an aula, an extra building for the years 5 to 7, a building for the seniors and a building for the years 8 to 10 with the biology room etc. The school offers lots of workshops to the students, something like climbing and so on. It's a big school with more than 1500 students. *Sarah Berndt, Kim Eckardt, Nina Bengen*

**Our school is the Mariengymnasium in Jever, Germany.** It has a second location in Schortens which is about 7 km away. So some teachers drive from school to school every day. The students stay at one school, though. The Mariengymnasium is near the city centre where many shops and restaurants are. That's very good for the older students because when you are in grade 10,11 or 12 you have the opportunity to leave school and have lunch in the city. Other than that the Mariengymnasium is famous for its bilingual classes: Subjects such as History, Art, Politics and Geography are taught in English and in German.

Jever has 14.000 inhabitants, so it's not too big a city, but a pretty nice place where you can have a lot of fun. *Annika, Regina, Ann-Kathrin and Anna-Lena*

**Lars, Maximilian and me (Hauke)** attend the 10th year of the Mariengymnasium Jever. Lars and Maximilian come both from villages near Jever and I live in Jever.

Now I am going to give you a little idea of our town and school.

Jever is in the north of Germany (you might take a look with Google Earth) has ca 14 000 inhabitants and is about 42 square km big. You see, Jever isn't a really big city. Our town was founded in the time of 1158 and belonged from the time of 1793 until 1818 to the Russian Empire. The name Jever is very famous in Germany in a different meaning: the beer "Jever". Since the year 1848 the Jever beer has existed and today it's a really big trade which is even famous in other countries. By the way, every hour 60 000 bottles are filled.

Our school was founded in 1573 and we have about 1 500 students and 120 teachers.

We have classes from the 5th grade until the 13th grade. We learn English since the third grade and when you enter our school you can decide which 3<sup>rd</sup> language you want to learn, French or Latin. 2006 we got a school canteen but the older students are also allowed to leave the school area and can eat in the city. We have a lot of workshops like chess, sports and so on. One of these workshops, which are totally voluntary, has built a homepage. If you want you can visit it: <http://www.mariengymnasium.eu/>

If you have still any questions then ask us

best greetings from Germany *Lars, Maximilian and Hauke, Jever, Germany*

### **Our landscape**

In our city Schortens and in the area there aren't any mountains. We live near the coast. It's very nice on the beach. In the Tourist season there are many people. At the coast there are tides. It's very interesting to hike across the mudflats, when the water goes back. You can hike to the islands off the coast.(not far, just 10km). The climate in our region is very nice and our area is very flat. There are no mountains. You can go surfing in the North Sea when it's windy. Or you can relax on the beach. Near the "normal" beach there is a nudist beach (=). Our region is very green and there are many green places and little forests. In the North Sea off our coast there are 7 Islands.

Please tell us a little bit about your region.

Please mail back fast.

*Benedikt und Felix, Jever, Germany*

### **Wakeboard and waterski.**

hello (:

Here is the story about wakeboard and waterski.

A nice day at the wakeboard and waterski resort.

Today we made a trip. My two best friends and me went to a waterski-location. This morning we started, we got up very early and took the bus at 10 o'clock.

The journey was extremely boring and long. My friends and me talked about boys' and girls' stuff. When we arrived at last, it was very overcrowded. But it didn't matter to us.

We went to a changing booth, we took off our clothes and changed into our bikini. It's very important to wear the swim-suit. If you fall into the water, it's very difficult to swim with your board or your two skis to the bank. So, it was a very hot day, and we didn't need a neoprene suit.

We bought a ticket for two hours. We didn't have a board or so, so we rented one. There were boards for beginners and for the advanced people. I took the advanced board, because I had done this before. There is also

ski, and I can't say that that is simpler, but my friends thought so.

After watching others, one of them took a beginner's board and the other one the pair of ski.

The location was on a big lake, and on the other side there was a place for younger people to go swimming.

Well, in order to start, you must put the board into the water, buck up your feet, grab the rope and off you go. At the first time it was very difficult for us, because the first turns we fell down into the water. But after a time it was very good. Even my friends, who had never done this before, could go one round without falling down. I was very proud of them. After one hour, we three were very exhausted and hungry, and therefore we took a break. We bought crisps and something to drink. The rest of the day we spent on the other side of the lake, we chilled a bit and swam around.

It was a nice day. In the evening we took the bus home at six o'clock. I hope we will have such a day again.

Happy greetings(: *Marike*

### Lantern walk

On the 11th of November the children in Germany make a lantern walk. That is a day on which the children go from house to house and sing lantern walk songs and then they get sweets (chocolate, lollies and jelly bears)

.When I was younger I did that together with my friends. We went around my street to my neighbours. Three days before we met and made a coloured lantern of paper. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we started at 5 o'clock when it was dark outside, and the lanterns shone very bright. Then we went around, rang on the doors, sang our songs and received sweets. When I came home I was happy that I had a big bowl of sweets. But after three days there were no sweets left. Sometimes my parents stole some of my sweets. Then I hid them.

Now I am too old for that, of course. *Ines, Jever, Germany*

### Storm flood

It's a dark, cold and cloudy day  
And very stormy by the way  
They said it on the radio  
They told it in a TV show:

The waves grow taller  
And I feel smaller  
A little scared,  
but well prepared

Today there will be a storm flood  
Excitement flows through my blood  
I ride my bike  
Until I get to the dyke

I took a camera with me  
Taking photos for everyone to see  
After a while, wet from head to toe  
I decide it's best to go

The wind blows stronger and stronger  
I don't know if I can stand any longer  
I call a friend of mine,  
Tell her that I am fine

A day as exciting as frightening  
Storm, waves and lightening  
At home I take a closer look  
at the photos I took

I shiver as it starts to rain,  
But I don't complain  
Too fascinating to watch the sea  
I wouldn't even prefer a cake for free

I will never forget the day  
When I went away  
And watched the storm flood  
I still feel the excitement in my blood  
*Poem by: Anna-Lena, Jever, Germany*

### Customs in Germany – the month of December

This is a story about Jenny and Tim. They are 6-year-old twins from Germany and December is a very exciting month for them: On 1<sup>st</sup> December their grandma comes.

Tim, "Jenny! Come on, grandma is here!"

Grandma, "Hello Jenny my angel! And Tim my sweetheart! Guess what I got for you!"

Jenny, "Our advent calendars?!"

Jenny is right. Their grandma bought them advent calendars. Those advent calendars have 24 doors and when you open a door there is a piece of chocolate behind it. Now Jenny and Tim will open one door every day; until it's Christmas.

A few days later, on 6<sup>th</sup> December, it is St Nicholas.

Jenny, "Tim! Come down and look at our shoes! They are full of candies!"

Tim, "You're right! And St Nicholas ate the cookies and drank the milk we put here for him!"

Jenny, "Wow, he was really here."

Tim, "Let's look at what we got. There are nuts, lebkuchen, marzipan, chocolate cookies, tangerines, apples, cinnamon cookies and lot's more! Yum yum."

Jenny, "I love all that stuff! St Nick is a great man!"

Their mom comes down stairs, "Oh, I see St Nicholas was here?"

Tim, "Yeah, look at all these things!"

Now their dad comes as well, "Oh, lebkuchen! Delicious! May I have some?"

Jenny, "No! They are mine!"

Dad, "Nah, watch your mouth! Santa Claus is watching you!"

Mom, "Oh, Jan! Don't scare her! And, by the way, we have some lebkuchen in the kitchen. Go and get yourself some there."

The days pass by and Jenny and Tim have already opened the 23<sup>rd</sup> door of their advent calendars. That means tomorrow is Christmas. The twins are so excited when they wake up on 24<sup>th</sup> December. They can't wait till it's evening. They want to open their presents so bad, but unfortunately it was still early in the morning. But there are many other things the family wants to do today. First they have breakfast and then they go out for a walk. Well, Jenny and Tim are pulled on a sledge by their dad and their mom walks beside them. They walk to their aunt's and uncle's house and have tea and coffee there. Jenny and Tim want to see a Christmas film, so they decide to watch Rudolf – The red nosed reindeer!

Finally it was time for dinner. Of course they eat the typical German Christmas meal: Small sausages and potato salad!

And now it's time to open the presents. Jenny and Tim jump around and their parents try to make them stand still for a minute. Without success. A bit later they sit down and start opening the presents.

Jenny gets a Polly Pocket shopping center, a tattoo maker, a doll and some clothes. Tim gets a Lego racer car, a Tarzan DVD and a CD player. The twins are very happy with their presents. They have got the things they wanted and love to play with them. *The End*

By: *Anna-Lena*

### **Christmas Time**

Hello guys,

I want to tell you about the Christmas time. The Christmas time begins on the first advent. Many people decorate their houses with lights outside and inside. You can see many Christmas trees in front of the garden. On the first day in December you can open the first door of your advent calendar. Now you can open a door every day till 24.12. In the advent calendar there are sweets and some nice things. I got an advent calendar from my mother. She has made it herself and put a lot of chocolate into the calendar.

Four weeks before Christmas Eve we kindle a candle every Sunday. The candle stands on an advent ring. Four candles burn on Christmas Eve. On the 6.12. the "Nikolaus" comes and collects the list of wishes. The list of wishes is a paper with our wishes for Christmas.

On Christmas Eve we go to church and then we eat very nice food my mother has prepared. And then we unwrap our presents. Then we play with our presents and finally we go to bed and sleep. On the first Christmas Day we go to my grandmother's and grandfather's with my cousins and aunts. There we eat very nice food prepared by my grandmother and play with my cousins. On the second Christmas Day we are at home and play with our presents and listen to Christmas music.

I love Christmas, because it is so comfortable when the weather is sad and you are inside and eat biscuits and drink tea.

Bye *Katharina, Jever*

### **German Christmas**

In just 56 days is Christmas and I'm so happy. :)

I really like Christmas. In my family it's a little celebration. Before Christmas, I can't sleep! A few days before, I go with my sister and my mum to my uncle and we buy a Christmas tree. In the morning of the 24th of December we decorate the tree. For the last two years my sister and I have decorated it. Every year, the tree is completely different. We listen to Christmas music and celebrate. Just with Christmas balls, light chains and a star at the top. Maybe a few candles. When we are ready, our parents are allowed to look. Later we prepare dinner for the evening. My mum makes a big dinner with appetizers, main meal and dessert. The dessert is every year a celebration. In the afternoon I wrap the presents for my family. My pets get presents too.

Mostly, I don't know, what I can do, because I'm so nervous. In the evening we all wear elegant clothes, the kitchen is nicely decorated and so we eat.

After the long dinner we tidy up and my sister and I go upstairs into our rooms. Then Santa Claus comes, a bell rings and we can go downstairs with our presents for mum and dad.

In our living room we listen to Christmas music and in front of the tree there are our presents. Now, it's a big present-unwrapping.

A few presents I knew before hand, but most of them are a big surprise! I love it.

When we have finished, we say "thank you", "wow, it's so nice," "Mum, you are the best," and stuff like that. We try out our new things and talk about it. Sometimes we watch a new film or listen to a new CD. But mostly we're very tired, because the day was very strenuous. So we go to bed happy and contented.

by *Kaya*.

### How do you celebrate Christmas?

For me Christmas is one of the nicest festivals in the year.

On the one hand I'm very happy to see my whole family, but on the other hand it's a very stressful time, because you have to buy presents for all the family members and so on.

It all begins in the morning of 24th December. My mom, my sister and me decorate the Christmas tree and then we bake cake and cookies.

In the afternoon we all go to the church, to see the cradle play. After that the whole family of my mother's side comes to us for dinner. Mostly we eat potato salad and small sausages.

After dinner we all go into the sitting room and start to unwrap our presents.

This is most of the time a big chaos, because everyone wants to give his present to the next and so on.

On the 25th December my family goes to my grandma for dinner. My grandma is a very good cook.

On the 26th December we go to my grandpa. He makes the best cake I know. So me and my little sister get presents and eat cake.

In the evening, we eat Raclette, I don't know if you know this.

Everybody has a little frying pan, then you put in some things like vegetable and put a disc of cheese on it. Then you put it in a Raclette maker, it's a device, which heats up the little flying pans.

All in all I think at Christmas it's very nice to have a few days in year with the whole family.

Please tell me how you celebrate Christmas! *Bye Kim from Jever, Germany*

### German food

A typical German meal is for example "curly kale with smoked pork chop, piquant sausage and fried potatoes" (look at the picture I added)!

I think to mention a few more German meals or typical drinks I will write some kind of poem:

Oh, I'm hungry!  
I'm starving!  
What shall I eat?  
What shall I drink?

Nothing in my stomach,  
Nothing in my fridge.  
There's one thing I know  
I have to go!

Shopping!  
In a good mood  
I buy tons of food.  
Yummy!

Some rye bread or some brown bread.  
Honey, cheese and marmalade.  
Tea, milk or coffee.  
And of course an egg!

Breakfast is now over.  
So what comes before afternoon.  
You know will know soon:  
It's lunch!

Many, many options for that!  
Curly kale already mentioned before,  
But there is a whole lot more!  
How about...

Sweet yeast dumpling or  
Cut-up sugared pancakes with raisins?  
Bavarian veal sausage and a pretzel?  
Lobscouse with a fried egg?

All that sounds wonderful!  
So delicious all these things...  
How can I decide what to eat?  
Oh, and what to drink?

East Frisian tea or coffee?  
Apple juice or ice tea?  
Am I old enough for beer,  
maybe Bavarian wheat beer?

I think for today curly kale is my lunch.  
I simply add fried potatoes and a sausage.  
Ice tea sounds good to me.  
Yum yum!



I hope I could tell you a bit about German food! If you are interested in what all these things look like, you can find up pictures on the internet. *Anna-Lena, from Germany.*

### Recipe for Grünkohl (→ Curly Kale)

Hey you guys,

now here's a recipe for a typical food in Germany. It is called 'Grünkohl' (→ Curly Kale).

#### The History of 'Grünkohl'

Grünkohl stated probably in Greece. 400 BC. there was a curly-leafed cabbage called 'Salbellinischer Kohl'. That was probably the precursor of 'Grünkohl'. It was a delicacy in the Roman kitchen. Nowadays typical growing-regions are middle-west Europe, North-America and East and West Africa.

In Germany, every few years two cities fight for the best speciality of 'Grünkohl'. 1988 there were growing more than 900ha Grünkohl in Germany.

In our opinion Grünkohl isn't worth eating. We hate Grünkohl, it's mostly eaten by adults, younger people often don't like it. Now here's the recipe for Grünkohl if you want to try. Have fun! :)

#### To cook 'Grünkohl' you need these ingredients:

400g kale (Grünkohl)

1 diced onion

3 Kohlpinkel(sausage)

500g bacon

2 TS lard

2 TS margarine

125g oatmeal

Salt and Pepper

#### Preparation

First you put the bacon well covered with cold water into the pot and cook it ca. 15 minutes.

Then you blanch the oatmeal with boiling water and steep the oatmeal with closed lid.

Put the lard and the margarine into the pot, too, and fry the onion. Put the kale into the pot, with the help of the boiling fluid from the bacon you almost cover the kale. Put the bacon on the kale.

After 30 minutes you put the oatmeal into the pot and mix it under the other food. You have to keep going on with putting boiling fluid from the bacon into the pot because the kale soaks up much fluid.

Now you have to put the sausages into the pot.

Wait another 45 minutes by low heat and by occasional stirring the food.

Finally you can season the Grünkohl with salt and pepper.

For the eating supplement you can have salt-potatoes or roast-potatoes.

Enjoy our meal!

*Sarah Berndt, Kim Eckardt, Nina Bengen, Jever, Germany*

PS: We send you a picture of this meal.



#### New Year's Eve - a new beginning!

31<sup>st</sup> december is a very special day. All pupils have holidays and so most of them sleep long. The day starts at about 12:00 o'clock a.m. , then you have brunch (breakfast). When you celebrate at home together with your family or with friends you decorate the house a bit or go and buy fireworks if you haven't yet. At about 6:00 o'clock p.m. the first guests come and the little children are allowed to start some fireworks. Most people watch "Dinner for one", and after that they have dinner, e.g.: buffet, fondue or raclette. At midnight everyone goes outside with a glass of sparkling wine and the fireworks start. So at this time it's very loud – everywhere. The adults click there glasses and everyone wishes each other a happy new year.

And now we'll explain "Dinner for one" to you, 'cause we don't think that you know that ;):

At the beginning Heinz Piper introduces the story: Miss Sophie is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Like every year, she invites her four closest friends: Sir Toby, Admiral von Schneider, Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Winterbottom. These are all already dead, so Butler James must assume their roles.

James must now not only bring his employer the food he must also bring it to each of the four imaginary men, the drinks too. He has to slip into their roles, saying a toast for each of the guests, playing their gestures and language, and to empty the glasses. Due to that he is always drunk and loses his dignified attitude - both in facial expressions and movements. Finally, he shows countless variations of the error instead of pouring and eventually drinking from the vase instead of the cup.

*Ann-Kathrin, Annika, Anna-Lena and Regina*



### **Regional Customs – Tea Ceremony**

"Granny, Granny, what are you doing there?" asked little Otto when his grandma put some brown leaves into the teapot. "What are those funny things?" "They are tea leaves, my Dear. I'm making some tea for grandpa and me. Would you also like some?" She put hot water on the leaves. "Okay, ... but Mommy always uses tea bags." "Yes, but we, my Dear, we do it the traditional way. The leaves go directly into the teapot and later, when you put the tea into the cup, you use such a strainer." She showed Otto a little sieve. "Would you like to help me set the table? Please take the cups and the spoons." Grandma took a little pot of cream, some "Kluntjes"\* and the "Stoevchen"\* to the table. She lit the candle inside the Stoevchen and put the pot on it. Then she called for grandpa who brought some cookies when he arrived. Otto wanted to put tea into his cup, but his grandpa stopped him, "Wait, wait. First the sugar!" He put a Kluntje into Otto's cup. "Now, when you pour the tea on it, listen carefully." Otto listened. "Oh, that sounds funny!" "Yes. Now let me show you something else," said grandma. She took some cream and tipped it into the tea. "Do you see what the cream does? We call this "Wulkje"\*. While they drank their tea, grandpa explained that you must drink at least three cups of tea. If you drink less, that's very impolite. To make clear that you don't want any more tea, you just have to put your spoon into the cup.

\*:

Kluntje: big pieces of sugar, usually used in the Fast Frisian tea ceremony

Stoevchen: you light a candle in it and put the teapot on it to keep the tea warm

Wulkje: a kind of cloud that appears when you put the cream into the cup in a special way

*from Jannika, Wiebke and Anke, Jever, Germany*

## **Life in the different locations of the learning circle II**

### **A Day in the life of a Canadian Student**

Each day I wake up and have breakfast. After that I get dressed and get ready for school. Once I get on my Bus it is a half an hour drive to school. Once I get there I go to breakfast club (a club where my school feeds you in case you missed breakfast for free). After that I get ready for my first class. This happens to be geography. After each class we have five minutes to get ready for the next class. This happens to be Science. After science I have lunch, which is an hour long. I usually hang out with friends after eating lunch. After lunch I go to third period, which is business, we work with Microsoft Office Software. Next class I have Math. After school I hang out with friends while waiting for my bus. After I arrive at home I watch T.V or go on the computer. After doing this I usually eat dinner, watch T.V for a few more hours and go to bed and get ready for the next day.

### **My Family**

My family is an average family. We live in a 2 story house in Ontario, Canada. I have 1 brother and 2 parents, and even a dog. We do things like motorsports such as dirt biking, snowmobiling atving etc. We also go out for dinner and things like that.

### **What is Important to my Geography Class**

Some things that are important to my geography class are, Family, Love, Pets, living, Food, Sports, T.V, and electronics.

### **How Do I Spend My Weekends**

My weekends consist of many things. They consists of things like go biking, or dirt biking. I also spend time with my family or hang out with friends. I also like to watch t.v and go on the computer. I also do some sports such as hockey. *Student from Canada*

### **Climate and tourism in our area**

Jever is situated on the north-sea-coast 15 kilometres away from Wilhelmshaven. The coast in Minsen , a village of a hundred inhabitants , is very beautiful. All our coast has a dyke where sheep graze from spring to autumn. Many tourists come to the coast to enjoy the fresh air, the atmosphere and the beautiful landscape. They've built many hotels at the coast for the tourists. In the tourist-season many families rent out chambers of their houses. You can either choose that way or rent a week or more on a farm.

A friend of my dad rents out some chambers in the summer-months. They live near Jever. But if you are older than 10 years, it's nothing for you.

By the way, Jever brews the best beer in the world called Jever (Pils). If you want to spend your holidays in Germany some time it's a must-do to drink a Jever. :-)

Well, the climate here in Germany is not very changeable. The winter is not so cold. About -10°C to +10°C, I guess. Of course we've got snow in the winter here.

The summer is, compared with Egypt for example, cold. The max-temperature here in Northern Germany was about 35°C this year. But mostly it is below 30°C.

The other months are accordingly cold like the summer.

I think the climate in Jever is perfect. :)

We would be pleased if you wrote us something about the climate in your area and/or tourism.

*Keno , Daniel, Jever, Germany*

## **Bosseln**

Bosseln is a typical sport in the North of Germany. You go on the road, take a round ball of wood and throw it along the road. Two teams play against each other, in each team are 4 players, and two who you can switch. The winner is who manages the longer way with not so many throws.

After you've "gebosselt" you go to a Pub and drink something with your friends and eat "Grünkohl" (Curly Kale) (look at the recipes sent).

Bosseln is not a sport where you only want to win, you should have fun!!!!

I have Bosseled already for a long time and I have had a lot of fun! *Yours Lars, Jever, Germany*

## **Sports in our region - Wind surfing**

Mister Lichte, our teacher asked some of us to write about sports which are typical of our region.

As Jever hasn't got any bigger waters, you have to go to Hooksiel. Hooksiel is a small town (13 km away) which lies near to the sea and has also a big lake (which has a connection to the sea). These are perfect conditions for water sports. Sailing, windsurfing, wake boarding, water ski and kite surfing are possible. Me, Hauke, I do sometimes windsurfing. I think everyone of you knows what windsurfing is but for the case that you don't I will give you a little idea. For windsurfing you need at first a board. The board is totally different to the wave surfing board, it's longer and heavier (2-3 meters long). The difference between windsurfing and wave surfing is that for windsurfing the wind is the main driving source. That wind is caught by the sail. The sail is fixed onto the board and is 3-5 meters high. Which sail (size) you choose depends on the wind power and on your skills. The problem of windsurfing is also your power: the wind. You have to use it and put your sail into the right position. Without wind you can't move but with the right wind you can reach a good speed. Normally you reach a speed of 30-40 km/h and the global record lies at about more than 90km/h. Windsurfing is very easy to learn, and normally it's possible to learn it in 10 days. Of course, to reach better skills you will need more than 10 days. The lake is for beginners and normal skilled surfers the better choice because on the sea there's are a very strong wind and waves which makes it very hard to control your board and sail. Surfing is a funny sport but is a sport that depends very much on weather/ wind/ the time of the year. (Here it's only possible in the time from June until September) and with the wrong conditions it can be very senseless and frustrating, but if you have the chance I recommend you to try it. *By Hauke, Germany Jever*

## **Paddel & Pedal Station**

Hello, here are Ines, Kaya and Marike. We want to tell you something about activities in our village. We have for example a paddle and bicycle station.

So, we want to tell you a real story about a summer-day with our exchange-partners from France.

We met at 10 o'clock at Ines' house and prepared our picnic-box. There were a lot of delicious things. Fruits, sandwiches and a lot of sweets for us. So we took our bikes and started our trip.

After ten minutes, we arrived and were so excited for our canoe trip. We borrowed our canoes and put them down into the water.

Then we made teams: Germany versus France! The owner gave us life-jackets, so we started. We jumped into our canoes and began to paddle. At first it was a little fight between the teams. But some time later the German team (ours) was faster.

Suddenly the French people began to made us wet with water. That was very funny and finally we were wet and tired. Well, we searched for a nice place to eat. There, we six discovered a nice place right on the water front.

The picnic was very fine, after that we were not hungry at all. At the way home we saw deer.

Finally it was a very nice trip and I hope we'll make such a day again. *Ines, Kaya und Marike, Jever, Germany*

## **Monuments**

Hello Oksana

You wanted to know something about the monuments in our town. We have a monument that is statue of Lady Maria. She was born in 1500. She was a daughter of Edo Wiemken. He was the last chief of Friesland. When he died, Lady Maria ruled Jever, because her brother died when he was 18 years old. She thought that it was necessary to help her citizens and not fight the chiefs of other towns. So she founded our school in 1573. It was the first Latin school in Jever.

She was very important for Jever, because she thought that it was necessary to work for her citizens and not to fight wars for her own position, so she brought good phases of peace to Jever. All people loved Lady Maria. But the chief of Oldenburg wanted to rule Jever. Maria didn't want to let Jever become a little bit of Oldenburg. So Oldenburg attacked the castle of Jever and Maria had to flee. She went into the Marientunnel (an underground path leaving out of her castle) and she never came back. It is said that Maria was killed before she could flee into the tunnel. She was 75 years old that was very old for that time.

The statue of lady Maria stands in Jever near the castle. The statue is very nice.

We are glad to hear answers from you! *Yours Katharina & Mariell, Jever, Germany*

### **Monument in Dangast**

Hey!

Some of you asked for monuments in our area. I think I found a very special one. A very interesting one. But most of all I think it's funny. ;)

In Dangast, Friesland, there is a high phallus sculpture, named "meeting of the genders". It's 3.20 x 1.00 x 1.00 metre, made of granite, three meters anchored in the earth and its weight is about 4500 kilogram. It has stood there in Dangast since 1984.

For the artist, who was Eckart Grenzer, this sculpture wasn't show anything pornographic but he wants to show the meetings the nature shows us and how sensible it is. For him the phallus personifies the earth – the male. And the water personifies the female. So there's an amalgamation every twelve hours. So it's a kind of boundary stone in the Wadden Sea. But that isn't the only thing Dangast is famous for. It also has the only beach of the North Sea coast without a dyke, because after some terrible and devastating tides it was founded new at the south slope of an old top of a moraine. So there you have the only chance to take directly a look onto the North Sea.

*Annika, Jever, Germany*

### **East Frisian Island - Wangerooge**

I live in Northern-Germany in Lower Saxony, near the North Sea where the East Frisian Islands are.

People from any place in Germany, especially people from Southern Germany, enjoy coming up to visit one of the islands because the landscape is so different. In Bavaria there are lots of mountains, forests and fields. Here in the North there are no mountains, but beaches, dykes, fields and a few forests too. So the atmosphere on one of the islands is a totally different one than in the Bavarian mountains.

My family has friends in Bavaria, so we can visit them and they can visit us. A few years ago they came here and we went to the East Frisian island Wangerooge with them. Wangerooge is a wonderful island with great beaches, nice paths, dunes and all in all a beautiful landscape. Another special thing about the island is that there are no cars. There are only a few, small, very slow-driving trucks that transport food. To bring the tourists from the harbour to the centre of the island there is a train. You have a fantastic view from the train: You can see the Wattenmeer with all its plants, birds and other animals.

But there are not only plants, animals and sand! There is a cinema and a shopping street on Wangerooge too!

You can buy food, clothes, souvenirs and much more. Of course there are many restaurants as well. A very famous one is Café Pudding (I added a picture). It's a very nice restaurant and you can see the beach when you sit at the window. Next to the Café Pudding and only 2 minutes away from the beach is a crepe, a pizza and an ice-cream shop. So if you go swimming or something you don't have to be scared that you get hungry.

You can go to Wangerooge in any season. In spring it is very nice and sunny, in summer it's warm and you can go swimming, in fall it's very windy, but still nice and even in winter it's a joy to visit the island.

*Anna-Lena*

### **Hello Oksana ,**

before I write about tourism here, I'll give you some facts to know us better.

Jever has existed for almost 1000 years and our school, the Mariengymnasium, since 1573. The town has 14000 inhabitants, and the school 1500 students.

A few years ago a new youth hostel was built, not far away from the city. So lots of youth come to Jever for a class trip. Next to the youth hostel there is an outdoor swimming pool, a gym, and a dance centre. Other sights are a pompous palace with a park all around the palace, a cinema, Mc Donalds :D, a brewery which produces beer with the name 'Jever' and lots of different restaurants e.g. an Italian restaurant or Mc Donald's.

You have lots of different possibilities to do something, so Jever and the environment are an important and popular region for tourists and the economy of the region. Both old and young people visit us here to pass holidays or look at sights.. Jever has a rail -and a bus station from which you can go by bus or train to Wilhelmshaven, a bigger town, to the beach, or to other bigger towns and places. Especially in the summer tourism is very strong since e.g. the coast is not far away...

greetings from Germany

*Florian, Jever*

### **Dear Florian,**

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to get it! Now i know some facts about Jever and I'd like to know something about you and your class.I was surprised when earned that your form is 10b, me too.

Some information about me:

My name is Oksana. I'm 15 years old.I study at 10b form in school №75.I like to take photos, listen music and go to the cinema.I like to listen: David Guetta,Madonna,Green day,Akcent,Morandi,Depeche mode and so on. I like club music very much! My favourite films are: "Other Boleyn girl", "Surrogates", "Transporter-3", "Forrest Gump", "Meet Dave"and so on.I like to play volleyball and to swim. I like to travel with my family,but I wasn't in foreign countries.I want to go to Czechia and Germany.

My elder sister and her family live in Munich.I dont know German,but I think I'll study it soon.

Please write:

Do you have hobby? What is it?

What languages do you know?

What are your favourite music and films?

I'm waiting for answer! =)

Greetings from Ukraine.

*Oksana, Kharkov.*

### **Camping ground in Schillig**

Now I'm going to tell you about the camping ground in Schillig which is in the Wangerland area near the North Sea.

It's a big and beautiful place and it's the biggest camping ground in Germany!

A lot of people from everywhere go there just to see how beautiful it is. If you want to be there for some weeks you have to buy or rent a campsite and of course you need a tent or a caravan. A lot of people just visit it for a day, so they can go swimming in the sea or in the obvious baths. Or when it's ebb tide you can do a tour through the mudflats, and if you really want to walk for some hours you can go to the North Sea islands, for example Wangerooge. Or you can go for a walk, play beach-volleyball, soccer or do a lot of other things.

Do you know what is very cozy? When you sit in the evening outside your caravan or tent in a group of people you become acquainted there or just with your family or friends and talk about different things or just sit there and look at the stars.

Some teenagers think a camping ground is very boring, but there they are mistaken. It can be very exciting!!

All these things I know because when I was a little child my family and I went camping.

And this year I went there with the organization "Church on tour". It's really nice, because you were there for 10 days or more if you wanted to, there you had to care for some children who wanted to take part in some program you arranged for them. This was mostly in the morning and after that you could do what you wanted to, e.g: one day we went to the baths or another day we went to the nearest city: D. We had to get along with the money the church gave us, but that was no real problem. Everything was a lot of fun. And of course I was there together with my friends so we had 20 days without our families. Just the leader of the organization was there.

I hope I've given you a little view of the biggest camping ground in Germany :D

*Ann-Kathrin, 16 years old, Jever, Germany*

### **Holidays**

Hello Rudenko!

My name is Anna-Lena and I live in Germany.

You asked some questions about holidays and my favourite one is what kind of holiday I would create! So, I would like to have a holiday that is 300 days long and there will be no school and no work! No, I'm just joking!

If I could really create my own holiday it would be on 20th of May because it's neither too hot nor too cold outside. There would be flowers everywhere and the weather would hopefully be sunny. The reason for celebrating that day would be nothing special, just a day without school and work, so you can spend some time with your family and friends! The name of the holiday would be "May-Day" and in the morning everybody should have a nice breakfast with people they love! For lunch you would eat lots of meat, French fries, sausages, salad, ice cream and all that! And for dinner there would be pizza. All in all "May-Day" would be a holiday just to have fun with nice people and a day to have delicious food!

Now my question is: Would you like to celebrate "May-Day"?

*Anna-Lena, Jever, Germany*

### **Tourism**

Why do tourists visit our area?

What can they see and do?

And what's this area about?

Tourists came to our area, Frisia, because of the North Sea and the climate.

The North Sea is a marginal, epeiric sea on the European Continental shelf.

The Dover Strait and the English Channel in the south and the Norwegian Sea in the North connect it to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Wadden Sea is an intertidal zone in the south-eastern part of the North Sea. It lies between the coast of north-western continental Europe and the range of Frisian Islands, forming a shallow body of water with tidal flats and wetlands. It is rich in biological diversity. In 2009, the Dutch and German parts of the Wadden Sea were included into Unesco's World Heritage List. The Islands in the Wadden are called Frisian Islands, named after the Frisians. Common seals live there, too. Many of the islands have been popular seaside resorts since the 19th century. The climate is often stormy, windy and it often rains. In our area there are three cities: Jever, Wittmund and Wilhelmshaven. But you can also make holidays in any other town or village. You can choose between hotels, camping sites, pensions or motels. *Regina, Jever, Germany*

### **Visit to Zeteler Markt**

It's the biggest public festival in our region. There are many carousels, places to eat and three big party-tents. Now it was time to go, and we met at Kaya's. Everyone took a something to eat and to drink. Then we began to style each other. We ordered a pizza and with a full belly we started the trip. At nine o'clock we went to the bus stop. There we met more of our friends. In the bus there was a nice atmosphere and everyone was singing party songs. After 20 minutes we arrived at the Zeteler Markt. At first we jumped into a carousel, but we didn't do it again, because it's very expensive. Then Kaya had a very funny idea: She talked with a Turk, who had a little shop with for example many clothes and a pink wig. She took the wig and Marike took some fotos.

After the funny stop we went to a party tent. It was the biggest one and very full. The DJ played good music and everybody danced. After some time, we wanted to search for some other friends and went to the other tents. We danced, laughed and had fun. At midnight, we were hungry, so we had a midnight-snack. We ate some pizza, which was very good and hot, from a little shop. We saw many people, because it's a big festival. We weren't sure, if we had seen all of the Zeteler Markt, because it was really big.

At two o'clock we walked to the bus and went home.

All at all, it was a very nice day.

*Marike, Ines, Kaya, Jever, Germany*

### **Holidays in Berlin.**

This summer I spent holidays in Berlin together with my parents. Berlin is the capital of Germany, with a total of 3.431.420 inhabitants. It's very difficult to navigate with all the underground lines!

The trip to our hotel was very long and tiring, but after six hours we arrived. We four were very exhausted, so we only took our suitcases out of the car and went to bed. The next morning we got up and prepared something to eat and drink.

So our hotel wasn't in the center, so we had to take the underground to get to the center of Berlin. The ride took 30 minutes.

After arriving we visited the Reichstag (Parliament). This building is very interesting and especially famous. Our Federal Chancellor, Angela Merkel often enters the building. Besides, there are many meetings held and laws are decided.

At the end of the day, I had learned much about politics and it wasn't as boring as reading all that in a book. But, in my holiday didn't only want to learn something about politics, I also, like every other girl of my age, wanted to go shopping.

Well, the next day we went to one of the biggest shopping streets of Berlin, which is called 'KurFürstenDamm'. There were all kinds of shops you ever believe, cheaper products, but also luxury products. So I chose a big one. It's called 'Kaufhaus des Westens' (Department Store of the West).

All things were very unique and expensive, and in that case, it was nice and interesting to look at those things. That building had many floors. Each floor offered something different. So we took the lift to the upper level. When you looked around, you saw different areas. There you could buy, for example, different sorts of sweets, cakes and extraordinary delicacies. But, these special things were very expensive, nevertheless we bought some of them. After taking a break, we went on with shopping. It was very difficult to find the right clothes, there were so many.

In the evening, we all were very exhausted and tired. The next days, we visited other monuments and old Konzentrationslager (concentration camps). It was very interesting, but I was also surprised how some people were treated. The last day, my mum and my dad went to visit an old memorial, but my sister and me weren't interested in that.

For that reason, we went swimming. In conclusion, it was a nice ending of that holiday. The next day we left Berlin at eight o'clock and ahead was a long, arduous ride.

*Marike, Jever, Germany*

### **Tourism**

Hello,

I am interested in the tourism in your countries. I have a few questions for you. Is tourism important for your country?

Do you have direct contact to anything connected with tourism?

Are there famous monuments in your country?

In our country tourism is very important, because it provides a good income for our state. I have direct contact with tourism. Near our region there are a lot of islands, where can spend your holidays. In our region there aren't famous monuments, but in our country there are a lot of famous monuments. The most famous one is the "Brandenburger Tor", which is in our capital. *Best regards Tim and Sebi, Jever, Germany*

# Driving License

In Germany there are many kinds of driving licences. For cars, motorcycles etc. You can get your driving license for cars at the age of 18 years, for motorcycles at the age of 18 too. But you can make the A1 at the age of 16. With the A1 you are allowed to drive small motorcycles with 11kW, 125 cm<sup>3</sup> and a maximum speed of 80 km/h. The price for the A1 is ca. 900-1500€. Keno is just doing his A1 driving license.

- Tell us something about the driving licences in your country
- Have you made any experiences in the traffic with driving cars or motorcycles?
- Or you're just doing the license, too?
- Write us stories about making the driving license and/or driving on the road!

*Keno and Daniel, from Jever, Germany*

**Hello, Keno and Daniel.** My name is Natalie. I'm a last year student of the school. I am interested in your project.

In Ukraine there are 14 categories of driving licenses: five basic and nine additional, separately for the permission to supervise over mopeds, scooters, snowmobiles, a municipal transportation, tractors and cars with trailers. The driving license costs more than 150 \$.

5 basic categories:

- A (motorcycles)
- B (cars, weight – not more, than 3500 kg; and number of sits (except driver sit) not more, than 8)
- C (cars, which intend for transport loads and weight – more, than 3500 kg)
- D (cars, which intend for transport passengers and number of sits (except driver sit) more, than 8)
- E (cars of another category)

In my country age restrictions for reception of a driving license are provided: for a category "A" – 16 years, for categories "B" and "C" – 18 years, for a category «D» and «E» - 20 years. To teach driving it is possible earlier, but before passing an examination in traffic police you will admit only on achievement of corresponding age.

Driving license is distributed for 10 years and after this term is subject to replacement.

It is possible to go with a speed 60 km/h in the city. But in the country it is possible to go with a speed over 60 km/h

I have some experiences in the traffic with driving a car. My father teach me to drive, and I want to do the license next summer. *Natalie, Kharkov*

## Answer to Natalie in Kharkov

Dear Natalie,

I'm happy that you wrote back. I hadn't expected an answer on our topic. So, I saw there are some differences between Ukraine and Germany. We've got 14 categories of driving licenses in Germany.

Here is the information about driving licenses in Germany.

A (A, A1 and M – Motorcycles)

B (B, BE, S – cars, not more than 3500 kg)

C (C, CE, C1E, C1 – same as in Ukraine: cars, which serve for the transport of goods)

D (D, DE, D1E, D1 – bus license for transporting passengers with more than 16 seats)

Special classes (T and L – for the agribusiness, you are allowed to drive tractors then)

Unfortunately the A-driving license can be started at the age of 17½ but you can pass the exam with 18.

Of course, in Germany you can be taught driving earlier by your father or so. My dad did that, too. In the town it's allowed to drive 50 km/h. Germanys 'Autobahn' hasn't got a speed restriction except in case of road works.

You might read that I'm doing my A1-license, so I've made some experiences too.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you again. *Keno, from Jever in Germany.*

## Driving License to Keno and Daniel

I am also from Germany and so there are the same rules for me. I am 17 years old so I could make the driving license.

But if you want to drive at the age of 17 you are required to have one of your parents at your side. I think there isn't a lot of sense except the fact that you get experience. Driving at the age of 17 makes you dependent on your parents and a vehicle has the sense to make you independent.

I live in Jever and the most places I go to, I can reach by bike or walking as good as by car. Sometimes it wouldn't be bad to go by a car but I think you can wait with driving until you're 18. In May I'll get 18 so I will start soon with the lessons for having the driving license in May. Most of my friends got their driving license at the age of 17 but I made my own decision. I only would use the car to make some purchases or to drive to handball games. I think for others, who do not live not in the city and who have far distances for meet their friends or do other things it makes more sense. If I lived in a village, I would consider about buying a motorcycle. But it doesn't make sense to buy a motorcycle if you live in Jever because Jever is a small town and the next town Schortens is only 8 km away. *Hauke, Jever Germany*

### **Answer to Hauke in Jever**

Hi Hauke ,

thank you for your response.

You're right , if you want to drive at the age of 17 you are required to have one of your parents at your side but you can drive a moped which drives not more 50km/h.

I will make the 50ccm license which is called „M“, so I can drive a moped too and I'm allowed to drive 50km/h .  
=>

It's very useful to drive in cities near Schortens like Jever, Wilhelmshaven or so.

*Daniel , Jever in Germany*

### **Driving License**

I am also interested in motorcycles and driving license. I would like to make my M-class of driving license in April 2010. I have already got my moped, which is an old German moped. It is a "Kreidler Florett". Maybe if you think you know it write back to me.

*Bye, Tim, Jever, Germany*

### **Dear JEver,**

Wish You Luck with M-class of driving license!

regards,

*Wivi Rosaria*

*SMA 1 PAdang*

## **Names**

Hello EVERYBODY!

Once, i thought about projects and I thought that it would be cool to write about names! What do you think? I'm interesting in international and foreign names!

As I'm foreigner for you, I'll write about my name.

My name is Oksana. This is ukrainian name, in Russia you can meet it to. This is one form of name Ksenia.

Greek word "ksenos" means:strange, outlandish. The name means:alien, pilgrim. This is good, loud, large and simple name. It is popular far beyond Ukraine. People prefer Oksana Ksenia: it is much more bright, courageous and even majestic. Now is the name given to girls is not very often, but his popularity is steadily growing and, quite possibly, soon withdraw Oksana in the top ten.

My mother gave me this name, because she read Pavlo's Zagrebelnij(Ukrainian author) novel "Roksolana". This novel is about Ukrainian girl. During the attack the Turks, she became a prisoner. But the Sultan fell in love with her and she became his wife. She took another faith, and she was given the name Roksolana. This is very strong and brave girl and my mother wanted me to be the same. That's why I had this name!

I like my name and I want to know history and meaning of your name! Hope you will answer!

Best wishes! *Oksana.Kharkov, Ukraine.*

### **Hey Oksana,**

Your name is very interesting and the history of your name too. I like that name ;)

My name (Christopher - short form: Chris)

Okay, now something about my name:

The name comes from Greek and literally means "Christ carrier."

I think the name comes from the United States.

I do not know exactly why my parents gave me that name. I don't like it ^^.

I find it bad because you need to speak so long to say my name and every second person writes it wrong!

Wrong like: Kristopher, Kristoffer, Christoffer or I don't know. It bothers me so much :P

The only good thing is the short form 'Chris' ... Everyone calls me like this and I think this is better.

Wishes, *Chris,Jever,Germany.*

### **Hey, Chris!**

It's cool that you answered me =>!I think your name is nice and don't care about it.Your name is international and it is very interesting!

Now I know about your name and maybe you'll write about yourself? Are you on Facebook? As I understood, you work with Florian,are you friends?

I'm waiting for an answer!

Best wishes! *Oksana. Kharkov, Ukraine.*

**Hello Oksana ,**

I like your name. Here in Germany I've never heard it but it is interesting for me. Do you have a second name? This year I visited Poland and I noticed that all girl's names finish on 'a'. What's it like in your country, because your name also finishes on an a.

Now I tell you something about my name.

My name is Florian. The name comes from the Latin word *Florus* and that means 'blooming', 'bright', 'splendid'. I think my name is neither popular nor unpopular. There are lots of different variants of my name *Florianus*, *Floriano*, *Flori*, *Florin*, *Floris*, *Flori*, *Flo*, *Florens*, *Florent*.

I hope I helped you a bit to learn more about names. If you want to know anything ask me nice greetings *Florian*

**Hello Oksana,**

your name is very interesting and so is the story of your name. My name is Kimbaley, but my friends call me Kim. The name comes from Greek. A long time before a Greek war leader was called Kim. In Germany girls are not allowed to be called only Kim because the name is for boys and girls. My parents don't want me to have two names, so they called me Kimbaley. This way of the name isn't very frequent because most Kims are spelled Kimberly. This was the story of my name.

*Greetings Kim from Jever, Germany*

## Our future and the future of the world

**Hello,**

here are Ines, Kaya and Marike!:) )

We think that we should talk about our future and the future of the world, because it's a good topic to communicate.

We want to ask you some questions:

- What's your favourite job in the future? And why?
- What's your dream for the future?
- What do you think about world peace?

Good-bye :) *Ines, Kaya and Marike, from Jever, Germany*

**Dear Ines, Kaya and Marike,**

I can't give you a specific answer to your question : What's your favorite job in the future? I am still not sure what I want to do in my life and what I could. I have some ideas but I can't say "I want to be a ....." What I will do and what I can do depends on my school education. At the moment the more interesting and important question for my future is " Will I be able to motivate myself to work for a good graduation?" On this question all my future job possibilities depend.

For me it's also impossible to give you one right dream for the future. Clearly it would be nice if all the humans learned to accept each other, if there weren't any wars, if we could save our nature and planet. It would be nice but all these things will never happen and will stay dreams. Of course, there are some more egoistic dreams, for example : I want to get rich without work, or I want another season of O.C. California and things like that.

And world peace, that's a great idea. But world peace is unfortunately very improbable. I don't think that in the future there will be peace, the question is how many wars there are and which wars? A war with nuclear weapons? Due to the rising earth population there will be fights for the important resources. I think the only thing you can do in the future is hope that it doesn't concern you. The only way to get world peace is that all humans will change. The humans will have to learn to accept each other and their rights. But I can't imagine that the human being is able to do that because there will always be hate, egoism and rancor. I hope you think a bit more optimistic. *Many greetings Hauke , Jever Germany*

**Hello Ines, Kaya and Marike!**

My favourite job in the future would be an astronaut or a scientist.

A job on the ISS, for example. Space and everything around the earth is so interesting and fascinating. Stars which are a thousand times bigger than our sun, unimaginable. And billions of galaxies. We are just a very little part of a little thing – the Milky Way – in the great universe.

My dream for the future is to see the world, the most beautiful places and also the poorest places on earth and to help the poor people.

What do I think about world peace? Well, there is too much war in the world and too little peace. So many people are fighting against each other. Every country should do something for the world peace. The whole world should live in peace. Unfortunately it's not possible, I guess. That's what I think about world peace.

What about you? Your jobs in the future, wishes and your opinion about world peace?

I'm looking forward for your reply. *Keno from Jever, Germany*



### **Hello Nastya!**

You wanted to know if there are any world problems that we are interested in and I must confess I am not that interested in e.g. the economic crisis or the swine flu or things like that. Well, it's not that I don't care about those problems at all, but I think things like world hunger or other problems are very interesting! When I see commercials about starving people on TV I always get very sad and want to do something to help. And there is a web site where you can take quizzes and donate rice. In my opinion it's a great idea and to do a quiz doesn't take long, so my wish would be that more people do that. It's free and the site is called freerice.com. Maybe you can try to do a quiz as well! By the way, my highest was 10.000! I felt so good! I hope the poor people really get the rice. This site is great for now, but when I'm older I want to do more for disadvantaged people. I would for instance love to help homeless people, poor children and women in India. Well, about the women in India (not all of them though): Most people don't really know, but they have almost no rights, are often raped by men and must work under very bad conditions and don't earn much money. I read an article about that and now my aim is to do something against that. Right now I'm only 16 years old and can't change much, but it's my aim for the future.

And what are the world problems that you are interested in?

*I hope to hear from you soon! Anna-Lena from Germany.*

### **One day in 15 years.**

My alarm clock rings at six o'clock. So it's time to get up and to dress fast. I must take a very big dress, because of my pregnancy, and it's my second child. I am so glad about it. My first child is a boy and he's called Leon. He is three years old and very cute. He looks like his father, brown hair and deep blue eyes.

Well, after my brushing teeth, I go downstairs to prepare breakfast. One cup of coffee for my husband and me and one of cocoa for Leon. Rolls are also here. Of course, my two cats also want food. After that, I go upstairs again to wake up my son. He's so cute, when he is sleeping.

After breakfast my husband goes to work, and I drive Leon to the nursery school. Every time when I leave him, he starts crying. When I am ready, I drive to my work.

We both must have a job, because children are expensive and in two months the next one is going to come.

So, after finishing work, I return to the nursery school.

Now, Leon doesn't want to go with me, it's the same every day.

Arriving at home, I start to cook lunch and I demand that Leon helps me.

Today is Friday so Leon's dad arrives earlier than normal. During lunch we speak about the day, my husband and I tell each other about our job and Leon tells us what he had learned or played this morning.

In the afternoon we make a trip to an adventure swimming bath. Leon is very excited and walks quickly in. All in all it was a very nice day.

We three are very hungry and so I persuade my husband to drive to McDonalds. We don't do it often, because it's very expensive.

In the evening, we watch a bit TV, and after 30 minutes Leon has fallen asleep.

I carry him to his bed and go downstairs again. My husband and me are also exhausted and so we go to bed later, too.

I hope tomorrow will also be such a nice day.

*Marike, Jever, Germany*

### **Future - A story to continue for everyone in the circle!**

#### **Dear Kaya, Marieke and Ines**

I like your topic. In the future I hope there won't be war any more. In the future I want to do a job with creative and nice days.

I want to write a story to continue in the future. If you want to, you can continue the story =)

Here is the start of the story:

One day when I woke up everything was different. All the items in my room were of lead. Suddenly a robot came into my room. He had clothes in his hands. He gave me the clothes and I put on my clothes. Then the robot went outside and came back with a chair. The robot put me on the chair. He pushed the chair and the chair drove me very slowly to the kitchen. I cried.

I am waiting for an answer =)

*Katharina, Jever, Germany*

# Energies of the future

We want to write with you about possibilities to produce a lot more energy.

The not fossil energies are limited and therefore the world has to use new energies. The biggest source of energy is the sea, which is not really used yet. A good example is an Offshore park-

This is many wind turbines installed on the sea. Worldwide there are already about 1000 wind turbines in operation. This technology is very advanced and would produce 30% of the worldwide electricity.

Another example is to use sea currents. The power of the water drives turbines, which are installed in the water. It wouldn't be a problem to supply the whole world with different sources of energies from the sea.

- What do you think, what are the energies of the future ?

- What is your opinion about our idea that the source of energy in the future is the sea...?

- Without new sources of energies the electricity for the whole world will not be adequate any more. Could you live or can you imagine to live without electricity?

We are waiting for answers!

*Chris & Florian, from Jever, Germany*

## Hello Chris and Florian!

You've got a very interesting topic!

I think, the energies of the future will be the wind energy and the sea, as you guess.

Just by the way, I have applied for my place at work experience at the firm Enercon, because I am interested in renewable energy resources. Enercon is a company which produces wind turbines. I think the sea has a great potential and can be used in so many different ways. There are the Offshore park for example and the turbines under water. The problem is that the sea is little used. Many more Offshore parks must be built in the sea and more turbines under water. The parks and turbines are a good choice against the pollution from nuclear power stations and refineries.

To live without electricity sounds almost impossible at the first moment, but if you spend a bit of time thinking about that it sounds possible. Of course, the first days, months or even years would be hard without television, computer, mobile phone or the mp3-player. That's just the equipment for entertainment. You can't cook on the stove, you can't wash your clothes in the washer and you've got no light except the fire. But these things don't matter anymore if you have lived without electricity for some months.

What do you think about living without electricity?

I'm looking forward to a reply

*Keno from Jever, Germany*

## Hello Keno,

first of all thank you for answering the E-Mail. I see you have the same opinion like me. That's nice.

Do you know that our government started a big project about this topic?

They want to build many Offshore-parks and turbines so that 30% of energy resources will come only from the sea. If they have finished that project, 1/3 of Germany can use renewable energy. What do you think about this project? What is your opinion?

Do you think it makes sense to build many Offshore-parks? A good reason against the project is the money. It is very expensive to execute that. In my opinion it makes sense to execute the project, because it's better than e.g. new nuclear power stations. Power stations are polluting the environment (are dangerous) and promoting in this way the green house effect.

You ask whether I could live without electricity.

When I thought up about that question I noticed how much has changed in the last years. It is normal for us to use electricity for light, computer, radio, mp3-player and so on. A life without these things would be very difficult and complicated, especially for the first weeks.

It is possible but I don't want it. I marvel at poor people who live in a little hut without electricity and without fresh water. That would be horrible for me to live like this. But they don't know what it means to live with electricity and only know their life. I have a last question: What do you think about the idea to build solar power stations in the deserts?

Thank you for reading. :)

*Florian*

## Dear Florian,

I want to thank you for your great answer. I am exactly of the same opinion. Of course Offshore-parks are quite expensive but in my opinion they should spend as much money as necessary, or rather possible, if it can decrease the pollution from nuclear power stations or so.

I think it's a good plan to build these Offshore-parks.

Well, the solar power stations in the desert. I just saw a documentation about it a few days ago. It's one of the best ways to gain energy I think. The world has got huge deserts and there's just nothing. No plants, no animals

except for some camels, nearly no water. The sun is such a good source of energy. The sun will shine billions of years but why don't we really use it? I don't know. Many projects are planned in the desert and some are already running. They are producing electricity which is cheaper than the electricity from EWE for example. And it's made from the energy of the sun. As I already said, in my opinion it's one of the best ways to produce energy.

*Best wishes*

*Keno, From Jever, Germany*

### **Energies of the future**

Hi Chris and Florian,

Energy resources now is one of the most discussion problem, so it is difficult to say what source is energy of the future. I think it has to be renewable and have no damage on atmosphere they are the sun and the wind. How to use them better is a problem of time. Using energy from the sea if you mean seas and oceans is good idea and can offer a lot of energy but you have a risk to damage some unique forms of life in seas or especially in oceans and it can cause big problems with nature. We can't know what exactly. Yes, it's better than air pollution but not the best way to solve problem of energy. Now if you know a lot of countries build nuclear power stations so I don't think that we won't have enough electricity.

*Vitaliy Rudenko; Kharkov, Ukraine*

### **Hello Vitaliy Rudenko,**

we are glad about your answer.

We think especially oceans will produce lots of energy in the future. You said that the nature would suffer, but we don't think so. Animals or plants which live in the water live on the ground or a bit higher but not on the surface (maybe sometimes but not many creatures live there). If power stations would damage unique forms of life why have many governments built e.g. first wind-parks on the water? I have added some pictures for you. At the moment the electricity suffices, but very many countries need more energy. Should every country build new nuclear power stations? The damage would be gigantic if a station has a defect. A very good example is the accident in your own country in Tschernobyl. When you don't want that we discuss about this accident say it to us!! We think we must use renewable energies and the risk for accidents should be very very low.

The environment should not be unnecessarily burdened. Good energy resources are: solar energy, wind energy, water energy and other renewable resources...What do you think? Have you got a different opinion or different ideas? Then let's talk about it.

Do you do a work experience at school or have you ever had a work experience??

Nice greetings from Germany!

*Florian and Chris ; Jever, Germany*

## **Terrorism**

We want to talk about terrorism with you.

-What is your opinion to terrorism?

-Is there terrorism in your country?

-A lot or a bit?

Our opinion about terrorism is it is bad, and we can not understand their aims. In our country terrorism is a realistic danger. We are also afraid of this, but in the part of Germany we live in the risk is very low.

We are looking forward to your answers and discussion *best regards Sebi and Tim*

### **Modern Terrorism**

Hello,

I want to write to you about Modern Terrorism. This kind of terrorism is shown in the movie Die Hard 4.0 with Bruce Willis. Only the state is attacked, no humans get killed.

One kind of Modern Terrorism is the "firesale". This type has three steps before it is finished.

First step: You have to shut down the transport network. All traffic lights will show green, the total chaos for a big city like New York.

Second step: Shut down all the services like the web, telephones or TV. All News Sources must be taken out, or you might get caught.

Third step: You have to shut down all power plants. The whole country/city is like in the middle ages.

This chaos causes a big damage to the country but not to the people who live there. All this you can control with computers.

*Best regards, Malte, Jever, Germany*

# Weapons for self-protection

Hello guys,

We (Max, Lars, Hauke) want to ask you something: do you think carrying weapons for self-protection is necessary?

We think if you carry weapons for self protection it's OK but it's also dangerous, because weapons like knives can cause serious injuries.

But if you watch the news you see that many people wouldn't be dead if they had weapons like a knife or something to protect themselves.

Moreover there exist electric jackets (You can google it :D) or teasers which can shock the attacker. Some self protection weapons are really OK, because they can't kill anybody and just scare away the attacker. Maybe you can show us your opinion and maybe you can change our mind :D.

So, please write us on the following questions:

- Do you think that weapons for self-protection are necessary?
- Or are these weapons just too dangerous?
- Write stories or poems about this topic!
- What would be our world like if there weren't any weapons?

*Bye Max, Hauke, Lars, from Jever, Germany*

**Hi Hauke, Max and Lars,**

I saw your topic and I'm also really interested in the topic because it is in people's interest. It is a big problem in Germany that the self protection with weapons is forbidden. People often get kidnapped for example, but they can't protect themselves. On the other hand there will be some people getting crazy and using those weapons to kill someone else. To decrease those kills Germany will need a harder punishment for killing people. At the moment is the only way to get a weapon doing the so called "Waffenschein" (weapon license). But even if you have one you are not allowed to wear weapons in public areas. Anyway it is forbidden to have a machine or shotgun. I don't think that the German social policy will change anything at all. There are too many problems in our society at all. As long as we have problems with the economic crisis and some other things no one will get more problems with for example the question of self-protection. What do you think? Will there be a change of the laws in the nearer future?

Thanks for reading my text,

*greetings, Dominik, Jever, Germany*

## For everyone to enjoy: A story to continue...

Here is a story for you. We hope you'll enjoy reading it and have some good ideas to continue the story.

### The storm

She stood on the dyke behind her house. She knew that a storm was coming. A few seconds later the sky was black. The clouds flew above it. She looked far across the sea. Sometimes the shadows flew above her face. And then the rain started. The wind was dashing across the sea and the country. Many waves splashed against the dyke. But she didn't notice anything of this spectacle. She just looked out to find him. But still he didn't come home...

**And now it's your turn: please continue the story and let us continue your continuation ...!**

**Mariell, Jever, Germany**

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*Mariell*

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She felt that something happened. Anxiety filled her heart. She still looked far. It seems to her that white sail on the fishing-boat is just about to have in sight.

She got soaked to the skin, but didn't notice it. She stayed and imagined that a little ship, where her darling is fighting with a blustery element of ocean. She felt that cold is defeating her that's why she went home. So to get warm she sat near fireplace. And in a moment she fell asleep.

Suddenly someone knocked at the door. She stood up and opened the door. On the threshold stood that whom she waited for so long.

It thundered. The woman woke up. All this was only a dream. She was sitting in the armchair and was still waiting for someone who had to come. But nobody came.

*Nastyia*

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At this time the man, who she was waiting for, sat in his little boat and looked out for the coast.

It was so dark that he couldn't see his hand. The waves splashed against his boat. He was so scared and afraid of dying. In these minutes his first wish was to see her face, but he thought that he would never see her again. These feelings were so bad that he couldn't imagine to survive. All this wild water around him... the sea was his end. But then he saw a light. It was very little, but it was a light. With his hands he paddled to this light. It was his sole chance to survive. His sole hope. If he could paddle to the coast, he could save himself and he would see her again. That was the important thing to him, because she was pregnant. And his wish was to see his son growing up. And at that moment a very big wave splashed against his boat.

*Mariell*

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When he woke up he didn't know where he was. He couldn't open his eyes, but he was dry and he couldn't remember anything. All he knew was that everything had been wet before he came to this place. He felt the sun on his skin. It was morning ...

At the same time his wife went to her village. All the people wanted to help her. They searched the whole day long, but they found nothing. Finally, in the evening someone found his boat, which was destroyed. When she saw it, she began to cry. She thought he was dead.

Two days later they found him. He was hurt, but he was not dead. He had survived.

This had been the most horrible storm they had had in that place, ever.

*Mariell*

## **Project Padang:**

# **MYTHS AND LEGENDS**

- What do you know about myths and legends?
- Why do we need to preserve our culture such as folktales myths and legends?
- What are the myths and method that you know? Write folktales, myths or legends that you know!

*Wivi Rosaria from Padang*

### **Myths and Legends**

Yes, I want to talk about myths and legends, but I think the first question which I ask myself is: Are myths and legends really real, that is the truth?

I think some myths are the truth, because the world is full of mysteries, so I think there MUST be some legends. Do you think that there are aliens? In this case, I do not really think so. Aliens are for me stuff from films, but I think that on Mars there is life, too. Or for example: now exist many books about vampires or so. Do you think it's the truth? These are some questions which I find interesting. Or some fairy tales? Sometimes when I look into the sky I think that there must be elves or stuff like this. Beings that are more intelligent than us, that you can't see. Do you think sometimes like this? It would be nice, if you answered me :)

*Kaya, from Jever, Germany.*

### **Hello Kaya**

I think there are myths and legends, too. But I can imagine that there are aliens. Sometimes I think the world is a small part of a bigger world. It can be a ball or a sun or many other things. But it can be wrong. I don't know it. I can imagine that there are elves and witches. I think it a very interesting question is how humans were created? Is the evolution history right or wrong? Nobody knows that.

I think there are no vampires, but there could be. Who invented vampires? Has anyone ever seen a vampire? Nobody knows that. But I think everyone can decide for himself.

I ask me why we laughing when something is funny?

I like the theme. I am waiting for an answer.=)

*Katharina, Jever*

## The Bremen City Musicians

Hello!

My name is Anna-Lena and I'd like to tell you a fairy tale in form a poem. I hope you will like it. The fairy tale is called "Die Bremer Stadtmusikanten". (Bremen is a city in Germany, Stadtmusikanten are musicians)→

### "The Bremen City Musicians"

A donkey, a dog, a cat, a cock  
All of them, oh what a shock,  
Were unhappy, poor and old  
    No money and no food  
    Their owners were very rude  
    They told them to go away  
    There's no space for them to stay  
The four animals met  
All thin, not fat  
They wanted something to eat  
Preferably a piece of meat  
    But they didn't even have enough money  
*The end Anna-Lena, Jever, Germany*

For a tiny jar of honey  
Then the donkey had an idea  
"There is no reason for fear!  
I can sing!  
You can swing!"  
"We should swing?  
We can sing!"  
Was what the cat pointed out  
The dog was happy and began to shout  
With their lovely voices they made money  
Enough for meat and even the jar of honey

## Haensel and Gretel

Near a big forest lived a wood-cutter with his wife and his two children. The girl was called Gretel and the boy was called Haensel. They didn't have 't money to buy food. When he wanted to sleep he spoke with his wife about the problems with the food. His wife suggested that they go with the children into the forest and make fire for them and give them a piece of the last bread. Then they would go to their work and leave them alone in the forest. The man didn't want to leave his children in the dangerous forest. His wife could persuade him. But the children heard that and Gretel began to cry. Haensel consoled her and went outside and found many pebble-stones.

The next morning the wife awoke Haensel and Gretel. They went into the forest and Haensel constantly threw one of the white pebble-stones on the road. When they had reached the middle of the forest the man made a fire and said to his children that they could eat something and wait until he had finished cutting some wood. The children ate something and waited and waited. They fell asleep and when they awoke it was already dark night. Gretel began to cry and thought they were lost. But Haensel took her by the hand followed the pebble-stones which shone and showed them the way. When they saw their father's house they began to run and when they knocked on the door, the door was opened and the wife was very angry but the man was very happy. A few day later again they had no bread. The wife persuaded the man to go with the children into the forest again. But Gretel and Haensel heard it and Haensel wanted to go outside but the door was closed. The next morning the wife awoke Haensel and Gretel. They went into the forest and Haensel constantly threw a crumb of his bread on the road. They went deeper into the forest than the last time. The man made a fire and told his children to eat something and wait until he had finished cutting some wood. The children ate something and fell asleep. When they awoke it was already dark night. Gretel began to cry but Haensel took by the hand and wanted to follow the bread crumbs, but they didn't find any bread. They walked for three days and they were so hungry. On the third day they found a house. The house was built of bread. They ate something of the house and suddenly a voice cried, "Nibble, nibble, gnaw, who is nibbling at my little house?"

The children answered:

"The wind, the wind, the heaven-born wind,"

and ate more. Suddenly the door opened and an old woman came out. She invited the children into her house and gave them something to drink and to eat. The nice woman gave them a bed and the children fell fast asleep. The children thought that they were in heaven. The old woman was in the reality a wicked witch.

On the the next day the witch attacked Haensel and carried him to a little stable. She wanted to eat him when he was fat. She awoke Gretel and told her to cook and bring water to her brother. Gretel began to cry when she found out that the witch wanted to eat him. But she had to to cook and bring him water. Every day the witch went to the stable and wanted to see Haensel's finger but Haensel showed her a little bone. She didn't see it, because her eyes were dim. When four weeks had gone by and she thought Haensel still was thin, she didn't want to wait any longer. She heated the oven and told Gretel to creep in and look if it was properly heated to put the bread in. But Gretel knew what she was planning to do.. The witch wanted to close the oven when Gretel was looking and then the witch wanted to eat her. But Gretel said that she didn't know how she could do that and the witch was angry. The witch crept up and thrust her head into the oven. Gretel pushed her in and closed the door. The witch cried but Gretel ran away and the witch died. Gretel freed Haensel and they went into the house and found many pearls and jewels. Haensel and Gretel put many pearls and jewels into their pockets. Then they wanted to go out of the witch forest. Two hours later they came to a big river. They couldn't cross the river. Then they saw a white duck.

The white duck helped them to cross the river. They walked for a short time and they saw their father's house. They knocked on the door and the father opened the door. He was so happy. He hadn't had one happy hour since he had left the children in the forest. The woman was dead. Haensel and Gretel showed the pearls and jewels. They and their father lived together in a perfect life.  
END!!!

*I love the folk tales. I am glad to hear answer from you. Write a folk tales that you know!  
Yours Katharina from Jever, Germany*

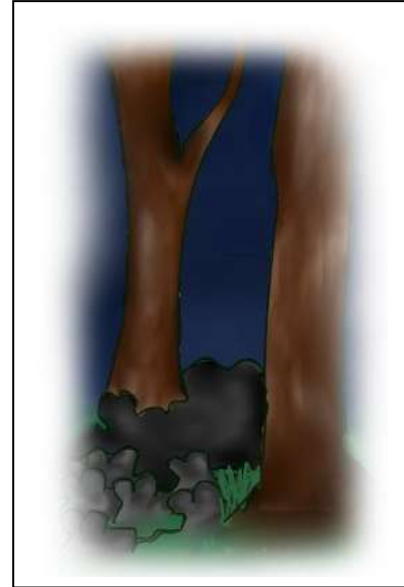
**Hi there!**

*As you asked us, and we translated a very famous German tale for you: The Pied Piper of Hamelin. We chose this because the town of Hamelin is quite nearby and we really like the story. We hope you enjoy reading it.*

## **The Pied Piper of Hamelin**

**a German tale**

In the year 1284, the German town of Hamelin was afflicted by a great rat torment. The rats were everywhere in the streets and in the houses and the inhabitants couldn't get rid of them.

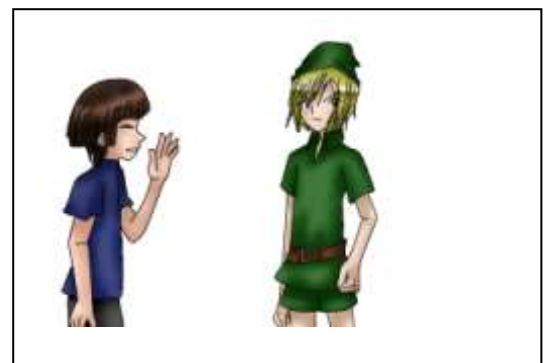


But one day, a stranger in colourful clothes came to town. He told the people he could end the torment – if they paid a good price, of course. So when they had promised to pay him, he took his shawm and played it, and all the rats came from the streets and houses to gather around the Piper. When he walked, they followed him. He led them into the Weser river, where they all drowned.



But when he went back to call in the promised wage, the people refused to pay and told him to decamp. So he angrily disappeared.

Then, on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Piper came back. While all the adults were in church, he played his shawm again, and this time not rats, but all the children followed him. He took them to a dark cave which swallowed



them all, and neither the Piper nor the children were ever seen again.

There were only three children who escaped the trap. Two of them didn't reach the cave in time, but one was blind and one was dumb, so they couldn't show and tell what had happened. The third child did not at all go to the cave, because he had left his coat and wanted to get it, so he went back home. On that day, 130 children disappeared without any trace. This was the revenge of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

*The End*

*So, did you like our tale? And what about the pictures, did you also like them? Jannika drew them. We would like to get to know some tales from your country, too, so would you write some for us?*

*Nice greetings,*

*Jannika, Anke and Wiebke, Jever, Germany*



**Dear Jannika, Anke and Wiebke, Jever, Germany,**

Thanks for sharing us your nice story. We love it.

*Regards, wiwi, Padang*

### **Dornroeschen**

*I want to tell you a fairy tale of Dornroeschen.*

In times past there lived a king and a queen, who, said to each other every day of their lives, „If we just had a child”. One morning the queen saw a frog in her bathroom who said, „In one year you'll have a baby. That was right. She had a daughter so beautiful that the king was so happy to make a celebration with all of their friends. All of his friends, relations, and his acquaintances were there. But not the wise woman number thirteen because the king had only provided twelve golden plates for them to eat. The thirteenth of the wise women had to stay at home. The wise women wished the princess happiness, health, joy, beauty and other beautiful things. But suddenly the thirteenth of the wise women came and cried with a loud voice, “In the fifteenth year of her life the princess shall prick herself with a spindle and shall fall down dead.” Luckily the twelfth woman still had to give her blessing. „The princess shall not die, but fall into a deep sleep for a hundred years. Then the king gave the commandment that all the spindles in his kingdom should be burnt. When Dornroeschen was fifteen she was so lovely, modest, sweet and clever. One day she was alone in the castle and wandered about into all the nooks and corners. Finally Dornroeschen went into an old tower. She went up the stairs, opened a door and saw an old woman in the little room who was spinning. „Good day, mother,” said the princess. „What are you doing?” “I am spinning”, answered the old woman. Dornroeschen took the spindle into her hand and began to spin. The princess was tired and began to sleep, and this sleep fell upon the whole castle and the kingdom. Around the castle grew a big thorny hedge with thick spines. When the hundred years had passed a prince came into the castle. He went into the little room in the tower, saw the princess and kissed her. Suddenly she woke up and also everyone else in the kingdom. Then they made a celebration and were so happy. The old thirteenth woman died.

*Ines, Germany*

### **The legend of the foggy moor**

Granddad told his children many history stories, but none were as close to the truth as this. "During the winter, when it is cold, and the fog creeps up to the house, we often hear the call of all those who die, at that time to dig peat for Joanni Sueven. He was bad to the people who worked for him and he paid only little money, and so it came about that time that many people died in the moor for him. Now their souls are going to receive what was taken from them and everyone who is approaching the moor at night when the fog is dense, will be deprived of his soul and dies. "

The grandchildren thought nothing of this story and went on the following day to the moor to play. They discovered so many new things that they forgot the time. It was late and fog came on ...

*Continuation to follow Lars, Jever, Germany*



*Newspaper report.*

### **A little village somewhere in the mountains**

Once upon a time there was a little village somewhere in the mountains.

Everything was peaceful, but the idyll cloud. For a long time a bane had rested on that little village.

The people were astonished for a long time, what had happened to some humans, who had made a climbing trip.

They never came back from their trip. You'll never believe, but 1907 a whole group got lost.

The strange thing was, all those lost people were only men. No women!!

And all those men had a wife or kids. All in all, all men who had disappeared had a family. At first the

inhabitants weren't surprised, because hiking is dangerous. They thought that they had an accident.

Years later in the little village there was the myth that there was a monster aloft in the mountains.

But nevertheless, people hiked there and they didn't want to believe that a monster lived there, but they also never came back.

What kind of monster could have been there?

That question also a team of explorer asked themselves. The team had heard that story and wanted to find out more, even the truth. That team consisted of one woman and nine men.

Well, they arranged an expedition. The inhabitants advised against that plan, but they didn't mind.

On a Monday evening they were to start. They had a lot of equipment, actually a gun, in case the monster

attacked. They said goodbye to the natives. The days passed. Most inhabitants thought they were dead,

frostbitten, famished or killed. A few weeks later, they celebrated a big party, because the oldest man of the

village was going to be one hundred. The party was on the marketplace, and all people met there. The party was

the very good. Suddenly a horrible cry came from the forest across. Finally the people noticed who had screamed.

A woman crawled out of the forest. She had an afflicted face and in the next moment she cringed and fell down

dead. Everyone was quiet and then a man screamed that was the only woman who had been in the expedition

team. Till today it hasn't yet got clear what had happened there and what kind of monster lived there.

*Marike Böhling and Ines Löschen, Jever, Germany*

## **Stories from SMA 1 Padang, Wiwi Rosaria (teacher)**

### **The legend of karimunjawa island**

Once upon a time in muria mountain, there lived the family of sunan muria. amir hasan or called as sunan nyamplungan is the son of sunan muria.

He was very spoiled by his mother. because of that, he became a naughty boy. Then his father, sunan muria

asked him to study in kodus. he studied islamic religion to his uncle, sunan kodus. after some time, he became an obedient young man. sunan muria was very proud of him.

One day, sunan muria asked amir hasan to go to somewhere to spread islamic religion. his father asked him to go to an island that could be seen from muria mountain. it was on the west - north of jepara. this island seemed to be fade (kremun-kremun in javanese). and from that time, people called the island as karimunjawa island.

Amir hasan followed by his mate went to karimunjawa island. they sailed to the island day and night and finally they reached the island. then they did what his father said. amir hasan and his people lived in the island ever after. *Danny rachmad trisandy, Padang, Indonesia*

### **THE LEGEND OF SANGKURIANG**

Tangkuban Parahu volcano began with a young man SANGKURIANG who fell in love with his own mother,

DAYANG SUMBI. One day, when he was hunting, Sangkuriang accidentally killed his beautiful black dog Si

TUMANG. This dog is actually Sangkuriang's father who had been condemned to live the life of a dog by his

GURU. However, Sangkuriang never knew it. Sangkuriang had been separated by his mother since childhood.

Yet, he was destined to meet his mother again. When on his way home, he stopped at a small village and met and

fell in love with a beautiful girl. He didn't realised that the village was his homeland nor that the beautiful girl

was his own sacred mother. Their love grew naturally and one day, when they were discussing their wedding

plans, Dayang Sumbi suddenly realised that the profile of Sangkuriang's head matched that of her only son's who

had left twenty years earlier. How could shee marry her own son? But she did not wish to dissapoint him by

cancelling the wedding. So, although she agreed to marry Sangkuriang, she would do so only on the condition

that he provide her with a lake and a boat with which they could sail on the dawn of their wedding day.

Sangkuriang accepted this condition and built a lake by damming the Citarum river. Wiath a dawn just moment

away and the boat almost complete, Dayang Sumbi realised that Sangkuriang would fulfill the condition she had

set. With a wave of her supernatural shawl, she lit up the eastern horizon with flashes of light. Deceived by false

dawn, the cock crowed and farmers rose for the new day. With his work not yet complete, Sangkurinag realised

that his endeavour were lost. With all his anger, he kicked the boat that he himself had built. The boat fell over

and, in so doing become the mountain TANGKUBAN PARAHU. With the dam torn assunder, the water drained

from the lake becoming a wide plain and nowadays became a city called BANDUNG

*WULANDARI, Padang, Indonesia*

### **The Legend of King Bali**

Another interesting Diwali legend is King of Bali. He was a generous ruler but also very ambitious. To propitiate the gods he performed a Yagna . His Yagna was so successful that even the gods were terrified to appear before him and grant him a boon in the fear that what he might ask something which is beyond their capacity. Some of the Gods pleaded Vishnu to check King Bali's power. Vishnu came to earth in the form of a dwarf dressed as priest.

When the priest reached King Bali's court, he asked him to ask for anything he wanted. The priest said "You are the ruler of the three worlds, the Earth, the world above the skies and the underworld. Would you give me the space that I could cover with three strides?" King Bali laughed. This request seemed strange to all the courtiers, but king Bali granted it. Surely a dwarf could not cover much ground, thought the King, who agreed to dwarf's request.

Once the request was granted to him, the priest, who was none but Vishnu in disguise, submerged the entire world with one step, with the second he submerged heaven and for the third step, there was no respectable place to put his foot down and so he asked the bewildered Bali for some respectable place to this foot so that the boon could be fulfilled. Left with no alternative, the noble but exasperated King Bali offered his head for the purpose. To his surprise, the priest not only lost no time in placing his foot over King Bali's head, but also thrust Bali into the nether worlds which as per Hindu cosmogony is hell and lies below the surface of the earth. The second day of Diwali is celebrated in memory of this. Prati-pada here translates as "below the opponent's foot". During Diwali festival people celebrates the victory of good over evil. *Sherinta Eleusa, Padang, Indonesia*

### **Bawang Merah and Bawang Putih-**

Long time ago , in a simple village household there was lived the beautiful girl . Her name is Bawang Putih . She came from the richest family . Her father love her so much . Her mother was passed away when she was a little girl . In that village , lived another girl named Bawang Merah . She was not as lucky as Bawang putih . She lived with her mother , the only one family that she had and she came from poor family . Actually , Putih and Merah were close friend . They always spent much time together . One time , when Merah looked putih's family always care with putih and loves putih so much , came a jealous felt in Merah self . She said to her mother "mom , why I don't have father like Putih have ? i'm jealous with her . It's not fair for me ! " Her mother answered "oh dear .. What's going on with you ? I know what do you feel now ."

Then, Merah and her mother thought what should they did to went out from their problem . "Dear .. I have an idea . Good Idea for us ." "what idea mom ?" . Merah's mom explained to her daughter about her plan . "So, we have to get a symphatic from Putih's family . Then I will flirted putih's father . And i'd like to get marry wih her father and we will become rich hahahahahaha ." " Wooow .. what a big ideaa mom . i love you soo much mom . I totally agree with your idea . So when we will start our plan ?" " Now my lovely .. Don't wasting your time lovely.."

So, Merah Family's came to Putih's house . Everyday they came to there for continued their planed . For a long time , Merah's mother could make putih and her father interested with them .

Finally , putih's father have a discussed with putih . father said "my little cute daughter ..I know you need a figure that always care with you.. You don't have mother's figure that always make you comfort and for a place to share about your problem..". "soo..dad ?". " How about i get marry with merah's mother? But...If you don't agree..". "No..NO dad... I agree . Totally agree. I love Merah's mother. She is a kind woman " .

And they got married . Unfortunately , putih's father was dead . beacuse of a serious diseases that he got . After her father died Bawang Merah and her mother took charge of the household and bully Bawang Putih into servitude. Bawang Putih. With her father dead, the gentle and obedient Bawang Putih is left alone to be tortured by her cruel stepmother and step sister.

At one night Merah asked Putih "Hey you! Prepare warm water for me... My skin must get warm temperature to make it become soft.Understaand ha?" "yes my lovely sister.." . Merah said " whaat ? what do you say ? Lovely sister ? hah i never think you're my sister . I never want to be your sister, ugly girl ! hahahahaha ." Putih felt so sad . She lived alone . After Merah took a bath, Bawang Putih went to the river. For washed her sister's clothes. Suddenly, there was a fish approached to her. The fish was able to speak, and told her that her mother who has came back to comfort her. Bawang was overjoyed to be able to speak with her mother again, and secretly visited the pond whenever she could.

One day, Bawang Merah saw Bawang Putih sneaking off and secretly follows her to the pond, where she witnesses Bawang Putih talked to the fish. After Bawang Putih leaved, Bawang Merah lured the fish to the surface of the pond and caught it. Bawang Merah killed the fish, cooked it and feed it to Bawang Putih without told her where it came from. Merah gave a fried fish to Putih . Putih ate that fish . The taste was good . and after she ate it , merah said that it was her beloved fish . Putih cried . She did'nt have anyone . She lived alone Bawang Putih gathered the fish bones and buried it in a small grave underneath a tree. When she visited the grave the next day, she was surprised to see that a beautiful swing had appeared from one of the tree's branches. When she sits in the swing and sang an old lullaby, it magically swings back and forth. she continued to visit the magic swing whenever she could. One day, while she was on the magic swing, a Prince who was hunting nearby

hears her song. The Prince was overjoyed and asked Bawang Putih to marry him. She agreed. Merah jealous with Putih . She tried to make Putih refused Prince. Unfortunately, merah got an accident . After an accident , merah realized her mistakes to putih . She said sorry to putih . And putih apologized her mistakes . Putih get married with Prince. Then, they live happily ever after in the castle. This is the end of Bawang Merah and Bawang Putih story .

Thank You 🍌 *Aulina Refri Rahmi, Padang, Indonesia*

### **Toba Lake**

Long time ago, there lived a fisherman named batara guru sahala lived in batak's land. one day, went he was fishing, he caught a fish. suddenly the fish could talk, and he was so surprised. Then, the fish said " oh no! no! please don't bring me " and batara obey to the fish.

As soon as the fish was free, it changed into a woman. she was so beautiful and batara falling in love at once, and he said, " waow, you are so beautiful girl, will you marry me?" the beautiful answered " yes, i will. because you let me free. but with one reason."

"What is that? " batara asked. "you must never let out the secret that i'am a fish." the beautiful answered. "oke i promised, i wan't tell anyone about this " batara answered

They were happily married and had two daughter. every morning, batara went out home to fishing. and at afternoon, his daughter brought him his lunch. one day, his daughter bringing the food to their father, on the road, the were so hungry, and they ate their father's foods.

Suddenly, batara saw them ate his food. he got very angry to them. then he shouted at them and saying, " you behaved exactly like the daughter of fish!"

The daughter didn't know what their father mean. and they went home, and asked their mother about it. "Mom, father said we look likes the daughter of fish, what is it mean mom?, her daughter said.

Their mother not said anything. she was very annoyed and angry to Sahala, although sahala apologized to her later, she wouldn't forgive him steaking his promise

Then she went to the montain. and suddenly the earth began to shake, and volcanoes started to erupt. the earth cracked and formed a big hole. and people said the hole became Lake Toba.

*Hasti Comnas, Padang, Indonesia*

### **The Nibelungen**

*So...some of you asked for myths and legends...I don't know any of our area but there's a very exciting one, playing in Hesse, where I'm from. It's my favourite one and I'm going to tell you its story...*

Kriemhild never wants to marry because till now she only has only seen the sufferings of love. But there's the knight Siegfried who wants to woo for her and whose parents are Sieglinde and Siegmund of the kingdom Xanten. Siegfried travels to Worms.

When Hagen of Tronje hears that Siegfried is there, he starts telling stories which instilled fear of Siegfried's life. Hagen tells that Siegfried has beaten the sons of Nibelung to death with a sword which is named Balmung and has stolen the ring Hort of them.

Then he has made the guard of the ring (who is Alberich the dwarf king) to his valet. And he also stole Alberich's camouflage jacket. Hagen also says that Siegfried has taken a bath in dragon blood, which gave him inviolability. He tells all that because he is jealous.

When Siegfried arrives, he challenges Gunther, who is Kriemhild's brother, to a fight for Gunther's inheritance, even when Gunther invites him to be a guest of the city of Worms. But Worms rejects him and so Siegfried takes the guest offer. In Worms he stays for one year and makes himself indispensable for Worms' population without losing a word, which could show his interest for Kriemhild.

One heroic deed is his successful campaign against the kings of Saxony and Denmark. At the following feast the Worms people try to connect Siegfried with the interested princess Kriemhild, because they recognized that she's his motivation to stay in Worms.

But Siegfried first wants to marry her, when also her brother Gunther has got his dream-wife, who's Bruenhild. She lives in Iceland and swore only to marry a man, who's able to beat her in three different disciplines, because with a marriage she'd lose her magical forces. The disciplines are: stone-throwing, javelin and long-jump.

You have to know that nobody has beaten her yet.

So Siegfried and Gunther are sailing to Iceland together with Hagen and Dankwart. When they arrive there they recognize Bruenhild's big troops and so Siegfried orders about one thousand Nibelungs to surpass Brühild's superiority.

After that has happened Siegfried passes himself off as a servant of Gunther and at the tournament he's wearing his camouflage jacket so that he can help Gunther to fight against Bruenhild, that she thinks Gunther has beaten her.

Now all of them travel back to Worms and when they arrive there, Bruenhild is confused, because she doesn't understand why a simple servant, who's Siegfried, gets the sister of her husband as his wife. But Gunther can't explain it to her to not endanger his marriage.

To get information about Gunther Bruenhild hangs him at the wall with her belt. There he hangs for a night. Again Siegfried has to help and wrestles Bruenhild down, while he's wearing his camouflage jacket. Siegfried and Gunther are swapping the positions and Gunther is able to consummate out the wedding night. Now Bruenhild doesn't have any magical forces any more.

When Siegfried goes out of the room he steals Bruenhild's ring and belt to show his own wife Kriemhild where he was after their wedding night and then he gives her the jewellery to her as a present. Siegfried and Kriemhild leave Worms and travel to Xanten.

But first there's a small quarrel because Kriemhild wants that her brothers share the inheritance with her. They do and Kriemhild gets the most loyal man of the kingdom: Hagen von Tronje.

But Hagen is outraged because the people of von Tronje are obliged to Worms and no other city. In addition, Hagen doesn't want to go to Xanten, because he doesn't like Siegfried. After nine years Kriemhild has a son whose name is Gunther.

Also Bruenhild has a son but his name is Siegfried. In the meantime Bruenhild is sure that she was cheated by Gunther but doesn't know how. So she asks Gunther to enlist Siegfried, which he can't do and instead of this Gunther invites him. Siegfried and Kriemhild travel to Worms without their son.

There Kriemhild and Bruenhild get into a quarrel on the question who's higher than the other one, because Bruenhild sees Kriemhild and her husband as servants of her court.

But when Kriemhild shows Bruenhild the ring and the belt, Bruenhild gets so angry that she says that Siegfried has to die. When Hagen hears that, he talks to Gunther and tells him that Siegfried neglects his wife and convinces him that this would be a good chance to kill Siegfried and to get all his wealth. After some hesitation Gunther agrees with Hagen's plan and they lure Siegfried to Worms by telling him that there's a danger of war. Kriemhild tells Hagen the point where Siegfried isn't invulnerable because she thinks he wants to protect this point. When Siegfried arrives in Worms, Gunther resolves that the danger of war was a misunderstanding and invites Siegfried to take part at a hunt. But Gunther lets the drinks put away and suggests to Siegfried and Hagen to make a race to a source nearby.

Siegfried wins but when he bends down to drink Hagen stabs him to death with his hunt-spear. When the group returns to the castle of Worms, Kriemhild knows, who is Siegfried's murderer but doesn't have any proof. But Gunther swears an oath that Hagen is innocent and Siegfried was beaten to death by robbers. Kriemhild stays in Worms because she thinks that the relatives of her dead husband aren't able to give her enough protection.

Hagen persuades the kings, that Kriemhild has to bring the Hort of the Nibelungs to Worms.

But she gives parts of it to young aristocrats, so that they are engaged to her and she has got some men who can avenge Siegfried's death. When Hagen recognizes this start of a plot he sinks the rest of the Hort into the Rhine. Thirteen years after Siegfried's death Kriemhild marries again.

Her new Husband is the Hun-king Etzel.

Further thirteen years later she says she wants to see her relatives again and so Etzel invites Gunther and Hagen to a big celebration at his court. The Burgundies are afraid of an ambush but don't want to show their fear. So they travel with over 10000 men along the Danube to Hungary. But when Hagen hears a prophecy that nobody will return apart from the chaplain, he tries to kill this one. But the chaplain survives and hides himself.

Now Hagen knows that the prophecy will come true. When the Burgundies arrive at Etzel's court, they don't want to lay down their weapons, which isn't good for the relationship between guests and host, because it shows that you don't trust your host. The Huns are reverent of the big Burgundy-camp and let them recognize their fear.

Because of this Hagen and Gunther are afraid of a nightly robbery and post guards. The Burgundies try to provoke the Huns till a fight between Etzel's brother Bloedel and Hagen's brother Dankwart breaks out.

Dankwart kills Bloedel directly, which is the trigger for the beginning of a very big bloodbath. Kriemhild and Etzel are able to escape but Hagen kills their six-year-old son Ortlieb. At the end only some of Etzel's men, Hagen, Gunther, Etzel himself and Kriemhild survive.

Hagen and Gunther are tied up and are taken to Kriemhild.

She wants Hagen to tell her, where he had hidden the Hort of the Nibelungs, but he says he'd never give away its whereabouts, when still one of his superiors is alive. So Kriemhild lets chop off Gunther's head – and he is her own brother.

But Hagen still doesn't want to say anything and Kriemhild gets so angry about that, that she takes Balmung, which Hagen has stolen after Siegfried's death, and beheads him. Now nobody knows where the Hort is.

But because of the humiliation that (although an enemy) hero was killed by a woman, the Huns feel forced to kill Kriemhild, too, and beat her to death.

Again the first sentence of the story is told that love only gives sufferings.

Now I'd like to know what you think about it.

In my opinion it's a powerful story, but also a bit sad at the end and very confusing through all these relationships. Of course that's a short version of the whole story and there are also a lot of different other versions but in every one the main aspects are the same.

*Annika, from Jever, Germany*

# Photography

Hi,

We want to talk about photography, because we really like this topic.

We have got a digital camera, but we want to have a reflex camera, because the quality is much better and you can still take better pictures, but on the other hand the reflex camera is very expensive, about 600€. Do you have some kind of camera, may be a reflex camera?

We think it's fantastic to go to different places and take photos of sceneries or other people.

Even if you are on holiday you can keep recollections in your mind while you take good photos.

And we really like to work on the photos with the help of the computer in programmes like Photoshop and Gimp. Do you know these programmes?

So, now we write a story how we take our best pictures. In the Easter holidays we, Nina and Kim, were together on holiday. We flew to Lanzarote. It was very nice there and the scenery looked great. Behind our hotel there was a volcano. We took very nice pictures of the landscape.

Another story, how we took beautiful pictures comes now.

On a cold day in March we went to the mill at Neustadtgödens (which is near Jever) and took pictures on the bridge.

We have also sent two of our pictures. If you want to, you can also send us nice pictures, we will be very happy.

- WRITE stories how you took your best photos, or when you were photographed, AND send the photo, too

- Tell us why you love taking photos!

We hope to receive an answer.

Bye

*Sarah Berndt, Kim Eckardt, Nina Bengen, from Jever, Germany*

## Hello Sarah Berndt, Kim Eckardt, Nina Bengen

I chose this project, because I like to photograph too. You wrote, that you have digital camera, me too and my father has reflex camera. Sometimes he give it to me , I'm happy at that moments!



This is recreation base. Every year I and my family go there for the rest. I like this place because I visited it during all my childhood.

I like to photograph nature and sky.

I like to travel and photograph places, which I visit. Last year I and my father went to the small town of Ukraine, Uman. This town is famous all over the world with it's park Sofievka. I took a lot of photos of it and I want to show you some of them. This is the center of the park. This is center of the park



This is my best photo of grass.



This is my photo with reflex camera. This is Maniavski Waterfall. I like to take photos with reflex camera, but it is very massive. Taking photos is very interesting and wonderful occupation. I'd like to connect my future with photography.

I saw photos of your class and I think you want to see me:



*Oksana*

**Hello Oksana,**

thank you for your answer. We really like your photos. We think the best one is the photo of the grass, but the others are good, too.

Please tell us more about you and your life.

What means taking photos to you?

Do you work on the photos at the computer and with which programmes?

Do you like to photograph people, too, or do you only photograph nature?

We hope you'll like our photos.

Hi Oksana, I am Nina and here are some of my photos.

This was one of my first pictures. I took this photo in our garden. A good friend and I take it on my birthday, it was a funny day and we had a lot of fun.





This one is on Lanzarote. Maybe you know Lanzarote, i don't know. I was there on holiday with a good friend. My friend took this photo, but i really like it.



On the left is Kim and on the right it's me. It is in the Klosterpark. The wall on which we sit was a long time ago a monastery .

**Hi Oksana, I am Kim and here are some of my best photos.**



This is one of my favourite pictures. I take this photo at a lake in Holdorf, it's two hours away from Jever. I was there with a few friends and we were camping there for a weekend.





This photo I took in Spain, when I visit the father of my step-aunt. It was very great to see such a beautiful sunset. I really like this picture because there are much memories connected with this photo.

**Hello girls,**

Thank you for your photos! I liked them all, but especially Nina's photo grass in your garden and Kim's photo of Sunset in Spain. I think it is very interesting photo, but I didn't understand, do sunset repulse in the water or what is it? Please, answer this question, because I'm interesting in it.

Answers to questiones:

1. I'm 15 years old. I study at 10b form in school №75. I like to do a lot of things, but also I like to take photos.

What means taking photos for me? I think, that when I take photos, I express myself, my emotions .Photographing is hobby for me.

2. I don't work with Photoshop and value, when photo is made without processing.
3. I like to photograph everything beautiful, which surround me.

Here are some my photos:



This is Lvov too. I like this photo, because drops of water on the sun like drops of silver. The main thing is that it's not Photoshop!

I like to photograph not only on my digital camera, but on telephone too. All these photos were made on my telephone!

And of course flowers! I like flowers, that's why I photo them.

1. Do you like to travel? Please send some photos of your town and places where you were.
2. What genres of photography do you prefer?
3. Nina the question for you: Are your parents from Russia? I ask this question because of your name. As I know, Nina is more Russian name than European.

*Best wishes!  
Oksana. Kharkov, Ukraine.*



**Hi Oksana,**

The picture with the sunset is not reflected in the water. It's only the sky and the clouds are coloured in so many different colours, it was very fascinating. I will never see such a beautiful sunset again and haven't before.

Oh I really like your photo of Lovo. This one with the water drops.

What kind of telephone do you have? Because the quality of the photos is high. My telephone has got very bad quality.

Oh yes, I really like to travel. To see other places and take photos of them. It's great!



This photo is on the Alfsee. It's a big lake near Osnabrück. In the summer holidays I was there for nearly two weeks. They have there also a big water skiing plant.

This photo I take at the water skiing plant. Every evening we sit there for hours and look at the drivers. Some of them are very good ☺



This photo I took in Munich on the Oktoberfest. It's the biggest festival of the world.



This is in a Zoo. I really like the colours of the bird.

I haven't got some special kind of genre I prefer. Most of the time it's so: I see something and think that I must photograph it. This way I take my best photos.

At the moment our school offers the opportunity to do a work experience. I applied for a work experience placement in a photo-studio. The woman, who's my boss, is a very good photographer. I like her photos. I learn much about the camera (Canon EOS5) and the possibilities to put someone in the right light. She tells me much about exposure and things like this. It's very interesting and I'm happy to have this placement.



*Best wishes  
Kim, Jever, Germany*

**Hello Oksana.**

**It's Nina.**

I'm sorry for the late answer, but i didn't find any time in the last time.

First the answer to your questions:

1. Yes, travel photos is a good idea. In the next time, i can photograph some things of my town, maybe the castle.
2. I prefer to photograph the nature, or people. What do you prefer ?
3. No, my parents aren't from Russia, they are german. But it's right, the name Nina is russian.

I like your Photos very much.

Maybe, i get a reflex camera to Christmas.

Is there any christmas in Ukraine?

If not, i can tell you something about it.

Now, some photos :

It was the beach before the sun went down.



It' me on the beach.

This is the mill, which is a few

I hope for an answer.  
*Best wishes.*  
*Nina, Jever, Germany*



## Poems

*Hey to all of you.*

*I know that the time of the learning circle is nearly over.*

*But I've got a question...Does anyone of you write his own poems?*

*I do. Almost more than 59. Also some in English – read them and please answer me, whether you like them or not and why. I also would like to read some of yours if you want to. =)*

*I know that most of them are maybe a little bit melancholic but I like writing like this.*

*Greetings, Annika, from Jever, Germany*

Look into my eyes and you will see my destroyed soul. And if you ask what happened, I'd answer the time after you've lost somebody is much worse than time before, when you were alone....

It's cold...so let me hear your lovely warm voice.  
It's something my heart needs before it's able to sleep.

I'm waiting for you to accept my apology.  
I'm so ashamed of myself. Can you forgive me?  
Please embrace me another time ...

Never felt your hand in mine,  
never felt you lying next to me,  
never felt your heartbeat next to mine.  
I've never felt anything - but hoped so much!

I never felt anything you said you'd give me.  
Now I'm gone and you can't make me feel anything anymore - even if you want to.

What are the words in your head?  
What are the words in your eyes?  
What are the words in your heart?  
What were the words you say at last?!

Killing the one, you love is like  
Pricking a sword into your own heart !

Hate – only a feeling...but love is more than hate could ever be!  
Love is a strong word to use, if you don't know what hate is!

I wanna kill myself...But I know – if I'll do it, we'll never be friends again.  
So I just went through the darkness – alone!

Roses are telling the truth:  
The red colour of their blooms is for the love in our hearts.  
The green colour of their leaves is for the hope after a restart.  
And their thorns are like the swords you pricked into my heart!

Tears in my eyes,  
A splintered heart,  
A destroyed soul...  
I think I don't need to live anymore because the sense of my life has gone!  
A view in nature shows the condition of reality:  
The flowers show the love between everything but  
The cactuses show the hate !

Why am I alone now?  
Why isn't he any longer with me?  
Why did I lose him?  
Why did he do it – was there another girl?  
Why is my heart bleeding?  
Why has the sense of my life gone?  
Why aren't there any angels to save my soul?  
The question is just why!

I think I don't need to live anymore because the sense of my life has gone !  
The others are asking which reason could be strong enough to want to die...  
I tell them: You were the sense of my life – and you have gone!

*Annika*