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## The Harmony of German Realias with German Culture

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**Abstract:** Through this article, we are going to explore the fascinating world of German traditions and habits. Learn some terms that are unique to the German language that offer intriguing insights into German culture.

**Key Words:** unique, thinkers, German culture, unique celebrations, precision, gender, sneaky words.

It is known that in today's era of rapid development, the role of rapidly evolving innovative technologies is visible not only in one area, but also in all areas of the state: social, political, economic, and education, which serves as their basis is thriving. In particular, each industry has its own creator, that is, the author of the idea, as well as a unique and appropriate creator of innovative technologies. For, no matter how strong and deep the world of thought of the state develops, there is no doubt that it will be the main criterion for its high and inexhaustible development in all respects. It should be noted that the importance of any work carried out and put into practice in the field of education and the seal of eternity is the world of new ideas and innovative methods in making education stronger and more powerful. It is so important to see his face. Nowadays, one of the best ways is to increase the enthusiasm of the younger generation to learn foreign languages and to update a number of ways and means of acquiring them through organic and constantly moving contacts.

The people, language, and traditions are what make the German culture unique. It has had a key role in the history of Europe, and not only. English speakers call it Germany, Germans themselves call it Deutschland. Germany is known as the country of poets and thinkers. German culture has been influenced and shaped throughout Germany's rich history once as an important part of The Holy Roman Empire, and later on as one of the most stable economies in the world. Whereas today, Germany is home to 82.2 million people including Germans and minorities of other nationalities that respect each other, and together make Germany a country of values, unique celebrations, and customs.

Over 95% of the residents of Germany speak the German language, whether it is the standard German or any of its dialects. However, the German state has recognized four minority languages, which are the Upper and Lower Sorbian, Romani, Danish as well as North and Saterland Frisian. Because of the high number of immigration, there are also languages spoken by a sizable number of communities, as Turkish, Kurdish, Russian, Greek, Albanian, Polish etc.



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The German language has the strength of precision because it enables a speaker to use combinations of multiple words to form a single term, which gives the speaker the advantage of infinite possibility for linguistic expression. Here are a few that are particularly useful for putting language to otherwise ineffable aspects of the human experience. These words may only exist in German, but they are certainly experiences and sensations that most anyone can understand. Learning how to speak German is no easy task – every noun has a gender and just when you thought you were getting a grip on it, a new kind of exception to the rule bursts your language bubble. It might be tough to get around, but the language is riddled with quirky traits and poetic descriptions, making learning German a fascinating experience for language lovers. Here are some fun facts about one of the world's most confusing languages.

According to Wikipedia, German is the 11th most widely spoken language in the world, with about 1.4% of the population being German-speaking. Mandarin takes first place and English comes in third. Like English and Dutch, German forms part of the West Germanic languages. When English speakers learn German, they will have the consolation of finding a lot of words that are similar in both languages. Be careful though, there are some sneaky words that look and sound the same but have totally different meanings. The German word 'gift' for example, means poison, nothing like the present or blessing it is used to describe in English. Some of our favourites German proverbs are *Alles hat ein Ende, nur die Wurst hat zwei* (everything has an end, only sausage has two), *Ich verstehe nur Bahnhof* (I only understand train station) whose English counterpart would be 'It's all Greek to me' and the most delightful saying, *Das ist nicht dein Bier!* (that is not your beer!) which means 'none of your business!' If you ever pick up a German newspaper, you might be confused to see large bodies of texts permeated by long words written in capital letters. That's because all nouns in German are written with capital letters and no, it's not optional. German has often been referred to as the language of the *Dichter und Denker* or the writers and thinkers. For example, the great Johann Wolfgang von Goethe – author of the epic *Faust* – is considered one of Germany's greatest national treasures. Other notable Teutonic thinkers are Kant, Marx, Humboldt and Nietzsche.

One of the best features of the German language is its knack for creating new, hyper-specific words that express life more perfectly than any English word ever could. For example, *Schadenfreude* describes the happiness derived from somebody else's misfortune, injury or pain. *Torschlusspanik* perfectly sums up the fear which creeps in with age and a realisation that time is slipping away, evoking a sense of urgency to achieve or do something before it's too late. Click [here](#) to discover more of these wonderful German words. If you see a long scary German word don't panic because it can probably be broken down into smaller, common nouns. German has a habit of building new words from existing words for example the word hand, which is the same word in English, is joined to the German word *Schuhe* (shoes) to form the noun *Handschuhe*, meaning 'hand shoes' or gloves in English. Besides Germany, German is the official language of both Austria and Liechtenstein and one of the official languages in Switzerland and Luxembourg, making it the most spoken native language in the European Union.

Have you ever noticed that some words are very hard to translate into another language? Take for example the German word *Gemütlichkeit*: this is a term that is intrinsically connected to the German culture. If you try to translate it into English, the closest you could come would be words such as coziness, comfort, or snugness. *Gemütlichkeit* goes beyond that, though: it conveys



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images of enjoying a warm cup of tea on your sofa while it's cold outside or of relishing the softness of your warm blanket while you are watching the snow falling outside your window.

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