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### How to use this dictionary

This dictionary endeavors to do everything it can to help you find the words and translations you are looking for as quickly and as easily as possible.

To enable you to get the most out of your dictionary in the long term, you will be shown exactly where and how to find the information that will help you choose the right translation in every situation – whether at school or at home, in your profession, when writing letters, or in everyday conversation.

#### How to find a word

When you are looking for a particular word it is important to know that the dictionary entries are arranged in strict alphabetical order:

Aal – ab  
beugen –biegen  
hay – haze

In the German-English section the umlauts ä ö ü are treated as a o u.

Besides the entry words and their derivatives and compounds, the following are also given as individual entries, in alphabetical order:

- a) the various pronoun forms (e.g. **ihr, ihnen** – **her, them**)
- b) the past tense and past participle of irregular verbs (e.g. **ging, gefunden** – **came, bitten**)
- c) the irregular plural forms of English nouns in the English-German section (e.g. **men**)
- d) irregular comparative and superlative forms in the English-German section (e.g. **better, worst**)

Proper names and German abbreviations are given in separate lists at the end of the dictionary.

How then do you go about finding a particular word? Take a look at the words in bold print at the top of each page. These are so-called **catchwords** and they serve as a guide to tracing your word as quickly as possible. The catchword on the top left gives

- e) When an entry word can be several different parts of speech, the various translations are distinguished by boldface **Arabic numerals** (see also the section on pp. 8 and 9 concerning the different typefaces):

<b>geräuschlos</b>	1. adj. noiseless ( <i>adjective</i> ) 2. adv. without a sound ( <i>adverb</i> )
<b>work ...</b>	1. Arbeit <i>f</i> ( <i>noun</i> ) 2. v/i. arbeiten ( <i>verb</i> )
<b>green ...</b>	1. grün ( <i>adjective</i> ) 2. Grün <i>n</i> ( <i>noun</i> )

In the German-English section boldface Arabic numerals are also used to distinguish transitive, intransitive and reflexive verbs (if this affects their translation) and to show that where there is a change of meaning a verb may be differently conjugated:

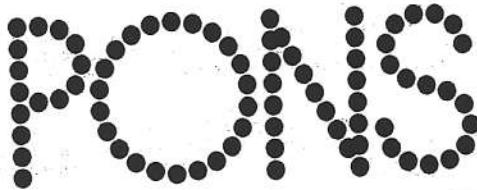
**biegen** (irr., ge-) 1. v/i. and v/refl. (*b*) bend; 2. v/i. (**sein**): *um die Ecke* ~ turn round the corner

Boldface Arabic numerals are also used to indicate the different meanings of nouns which can occur in more than one gender and to show that where there is a change of meaning a noun may be differently inflected:

**Bauer** ... 1. *m* (-nl-n) farmer ...; 2. *n, m* (-sl-) (bird)cage

If grammatical indications come before the subdivision they refer to all translations following:

**humpeln** ... v/i. (ge-) 1. (*h*) ...; 2. (**sein**) ...



# COLLINS DEUTSCH-ENGLISCH ENGLISCH-DEUTSCH

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## Grammatical Information

## Geschlecht

- 3.1 All German nouns are marked for gender in both sections of the dictionary.

- 3.2 Where two or more German nouns of the same gender are given consecutively as interchangeable translations, the gender is given only after the last translation in the series.

trickster n Schwindler, Betrüger m.

- 3.3 Where a German translation consists of an adjective plus a noun, the adjective is given in the indefinite form which shows gender and therefore no gender is given for the noun.

große Pause; zweites Frühstück.

- 3.4 Nouns of the form Reisende(r) *m/f decl as adj can be either masculine or feminine and take the same declensional endings as adjectives.*

*m der Reisende, eine Reisende, die Reisenden pl*

- 3.5 Nouns of the form Beamte(r) *m decl as adj take the same declensional endings as adjectives.*

*der Beamter, ein Beamter, die Beamten pl*

- 3.6 Adjectives of the form letzter, st. do not exist in an undeclined form and are only used attributively.

*der letzte Mann, ein letzter Mann  
die letzte Frau, eine letzte Frau  
das letzte Kind, ein letztes Kind*

- 3.7 Nouns of the form Schüler(in f) *are only used in the bracketed form in the feminine.*

*der/eine Schüler  
die/eine Schülerin*

- 3.8 The feminine forms are shown, where relevant, for all German noun headwords, unless otherwise indicated, the English form will be the same as for the masculine form. Where the feminine form is separated alphabetically from the masculine form, but has the same translation it is given as a separate headword with a cross-reference to the masculine form. Where the feminine form requires a different translation in English it is given as a separate headword. Where there is no distinction between the translations given for the masculine and feminine forms and yet the context calls for a distinction, the user should prefix the translation with 'male/female or woman or lady ...'

male teacher, female or woman or lady teacher

- For German compound nouns the feminine forms have only been given where the English calls for a different translation.

## Nouns

- 4.1 Nouns marked *no pl* are not normally used in the plural or with an indefinite article or with numerals; *no pl* is used:

- (a) to give a warning to the non-native speaker who might otherwise use the word wrong;  
(b) as an indicator to distinguish the uncountable meanings of a headword in the source language.

- 4.2 Nouns marked *no art* are not normally used with either a definite or an indefinite article except when followed by a relative clause.

- 4.3 The genitive and plural endings are given for all German noun headwords except for certain regular noun endings. A complete list of these is given on page xvii. The genitive and plural endings for German compound nouns are only given where the final element does not exist as a headword in its own right.

- 3.7 Substantive *nach dem Muster Schüler(in f) m* werden nur im Femininum in der eingeklammerten Form benutzt.

- 3.8 Für alle deutschen Substantive, die ein natürliches Geschlecht haben, wird die weibliche Form neben der männlichen Form angegeben. Wenn nicht anders angegeben, hat die englische Form für beide gleich. Wo die weibliche Form in der alphabetischen Reihenfolge nicht unmittelbar auf die männliche folgt, aber die gleiche Übersetzung hat, wird sie als eigenes Stichwort angegeben, wobei ein Querstrich auf die männliche Form erfolgt. Wenn die weibliche Form im Englischen eine andere Übersetzung hat, wird sie als eigenes Stichwort angegeben. Wo die für die männliche und die für die weibliche Form angegebene Übersetzung dieselbe ist, im entsprechenden Zusammenhang aber benutzt werden soll, daß es sich um einen Mann bzw. eine Frau handelt, sollte der Benutzer der Übersetzung male/female or woman or lady voranstellen.

- Substantive  
4.1 Substantive mit der Angabe *no pl* werden im allgemeinen nicht im Plural, mit dem unbestimmten Artikel oder mit Zahlwörtern verwendet; *no pl* dienen:

- (a) als Warnung an den Nicht-Muttersprachler, der das Wort sonst falsch benutzen könnte;  
(b) zur Unterscheidung der unzählbaren undzählbaren Bedeutungen in der Ausgangssprache.

- 4.2 Mit *no art* bezeichnete Substantive stehen im allgemeinen weder mit dem unbestimmten noch mit dem bestimmten Artikel, außer wenn ein Relativsatz von Ihnen abhängt ist.

- 4.3 Bei allen deutschen Substantiv-Stichwörtern sind Genitivendung und Plural angegeben, mit Ausnahme bestimmter regelmäßiger Endungen. Diese sind in einer vollständigen Liste auf S. xvi erfaßt. Die Genitivendung und der Plural sind in einer zusammengesetzten Substantivnennung nur angegeben, wenn das letzte Element der Zusammensetzung nicht als Einzelwort vorkommt.

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safety; in wilder or heillosen ~ davonjagen to stampede; jdm zur ~ verhelfen to help sb to escape; auf der ~ erschossen werden to be shot while attempting to escape; sein Heil in der ~ suchen (geh) to take refuge in flight; die ~ nach vorn antreten to take the bull by the horns; die ~ in die Anonymität/die Krankheit/den Trotz/die Öffentlichkeit antreten to take refuge in anonymity/illness/to resort to defiance/publicity; die ~ vor der Verantwortung the abdication of one's responsibilities; die ~ nach Ägypten (Bibl) the flight into Egypt.

(b) (*Hunt*) leap, bound. eine ~ machen to make a leap or bound.

(c) (*Häuser~*) row; (~linie) alignment.

(d) (*Zimmer~*) suite.

**Flucht-**: f-*artig* adj hasty, hurried, precipitate (*form*); in f-*artiger Eile* in great haste; ~auto nt escape car; (*von Gesetzesbrecher*) getaway car; ~burg f refuge.

**flüchten** (*Archit*) 1 vt to align. 2 vi to be aligned.

**flüchten** vi (a) aux sein (*davonlaufen*) to flee; (*erfolgreich auch*) to escape. aus dem Land/Südafrika ~ to flee the country/from South Africa; vor der Wirklichkeit ~ to escape reality.

(b) auch vr (vi: aux sein) (*Schutz suchen*) to take refuge.

**Flucht-**: ~fahrzeug nt escape vehicle; (*von Gesetzesbrecher*) getaway vehicle; ~gefahr f risk of escape or an escape attempt; ~geld nt money which has been taken out of the country in order that no tax be paid on it; ~geschwindigkeit f (*Phys*) escape velocity; ~helfer m escape helper; ~hilfe f escape aid; ~hilfe leisten to aid an escape; wegen ~hilfe angeklagt charged with aiding an escape/aiding people to escape; ~hilfeorganisation f escape organization.

**flüchtig** adj (a) (*geflüchtet*) fugitive. ~sein to be still at large; ein ~er Verbrecher a criminal who hasn't been caught.

(b) (*kurz, schnell vorübergehend*) fleeting, brief; *Gruß* brief; ~erwähnen to mention in passing.

(c) (*oberflächlich*) cursory, sketchy. etw ~ lesen to glance or skim through sth; ~arbeiten to work hurriedly or hastily; jdn ~ kennen to have met sb briefly.

(d) (*Chem*) volatile.

**Flüchtige(r)** mf decf as adj fugitive; (*Ausbrecher*) escaper.

**Flüchtigkeit** f (a) (*Kürze*) briefness, brevity. (*b*) (*Oberflächlichkeit*) cursoriness, sketchiness; (*von Arbeit*) hastiness; (*~sfehler*) careless mistake. (c) (*Vergänglichkeit*) fleetingness, briefness. (d) (*Chem*) volatility.

**Flüchtigkeitsfehler** m careless mistake; (*beim Schreiben auch*) slip of the pen.

**Flüchtlings** m refugee.

**Flüchtlings-** in cpds refugee; siehe auch Vertriebenen-; ~ausweis m refugee's identity card; ~hilfe aid to refugees; (*inf*; ~organisation) refugee relief agency; ~lager nt refugee camp.

**Flucht-**: ~linie f alignment; (*einer Straße*) building line; ~punkt m vanishing point; ~verdacht m bei ~verdacht if an attempt to abscond is thought likely; es besteht ~verdacht there are grounds for suspecting that he/she etc will try to abscond; f-*verdächtig* adj suspected of planning to abscond; ~versuch m escape attempt or bid; ~weg m escape route.

**fluchtwürdig** adj (*liter*) dastardly (*old*) no adv, execrable (*liter*).

**Flug** m -(e)s, -e (*alle Bedeutungen*) flight; (*Ski~*) jump, im ~ (e) in the air; (*bei Vögeln auch*) in flight, on the wing; einen ~ antreten to take off (*nach for*); einen ~ stornieren to cancel a booking; der ~ zum Mond (*Fliegen*) travel to the moon; (*spezifische Fahrt*) the moon flight or trip; wie im ~ (fig) in a twinkling or flash.

**Flug-**: ~abwehr f air defence; ~abwehrkanone f anti-aircraft gun; ~angst f fear of flying; ~asche f flying ashes pl; ~bahn f (*von Vogel, Flugzeug*) flight path; (*von Rakete, Säulenfliegen auch, von Kugel*) trajectory; (*Kreisbahn*) orbit; ~ball m (*Sport*) high ball; (*Tennis etc*) volley; ~basis f (*Mil*) air base; ~begleiter(in f) m steward/stewardess or air hostess; ~benzin nt aviation fuel; ~bereich m operational range no pl; f-*bereit* adj ready for take-off; ~betrieb m air traffic; den ~betrieb auf einem Flughafen einstellen to close an airport; ~bild nt (*Zool*) flight silhouette; ~blatt nt leaflet; (*als Werbung auch*) handbill; ~blattverteiler m distributor of leaflets/handbills; ~boot nt flying boat; ~buch nt logbook; (~daten)schreiber m flight recorder; ~dauer f flying time; ~deck nt flight deck; ~dichte f density of air traffic; ~dienst m air traffic services pl; (~verkehr) air service; ~echse f siehe ~saurier; ~eigenschaft f usu pl handling characteristic.

**Flügel** m -s, - (a) (*Anat, Aviat*) wing, mit den ~n schlagen to beat or flap its wings; einem Vogel jdn die ~ stutzen or be-schneiden to clip a bird's/sb's wings; die Hoffnung/der Gedanke verlieh ihm ~ (*liter*) hope/the thought lent him wings (*liter*).

(b) (*von Hubschrauber, Ventilator*) blade; (*Propeller~ auch*) vane; (*Windmühlen~*) sail, vane.

(c) (*Altar~*) sidepiece, wing; (*Fenster~*) casement (*form*), side; (*Tür~*) door (*of double doors*), leaf (*form*); (*Lungen~*) lung; (*Nasen~*) nostril.

(d) (*Mil, Sport*): Teil einer Truppe wing, über den/auf dem linken ~ angreifen to attack up/on the left wing.

(e) (*Gebäude~*) wing.

(f) (*Konzert~*) grand piano, grand (*inf*), auf dem ~ spielen to play the piano; am ~: ... at or on the piano: ...

**Flügel-**: ~adjutant m (*Mil, Hist*) aide-de-camp (*often of the rank of general*); ~altar m winged altar; ~ärmel m hanging sleeve; ~fenster nt casement window; (*Verandafenster*) French window; f-*formig* adj wing-shaped; ~haube f pinner,

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cap with upturned lappets; ~horn nt (*Mus*) flugelhorn; ~klappe f (*Aviat*) wing flap, aileron (*spec*); f-*lahm* adj with injured wings/an injured wing; (*fig*) Industrie etc ailing; Mensch feeble; f-*lahm* sein (*lit*) to have an injured wing/its wings injured; einen Vogel f-*lahm* schießen to wing a bird; f-*los* adj wingless; ~mann m (*Ftbl*) wing forward, winger; (*Mil*) flank man; ~mutter f wing or butterfly nut.

**flügeln** vt Vogel to wing.

**Flügel-**: ~rad nt (*Rail fig*) winged wheel (*symbol of the West German railways*); ~rot nt (*Myth*) winged horse; ~schlag m (*liter*) beat of its wings; den ~schlag der Zeit spüren (*liter*) to feel the life-pulse of history; f-*schlagend* adj beating its wings; ~schraube f (a) wing bolt; (b) siehe ~mutter; ~spanne, ~spannweise f wing span; ~stürmen m (*Sport*) wing forward; ~tür f leaved door (*form*); (mit zwei Flügeln) double door; (*Verandatur*) French door.

**Flug-**: ~entfernung fair or flying distance; ~erfahrung f flying experience; f-*fähig* adjable to fly; **Flugzeug** (*in Ordnung*) air-worthy; ~fähigkeit f ability to fly; airworthiness; ~feld nt air-field; ~frequenz f frequency of flights; ~frosch m flying frog; ~fuchs m (Indian) flying fox; ~funk m air radio; ~gast m (air-line) passenger; ~gastrau m passenger cabin.

**flügge** adj fully-fledged; (*fig*) *Jugendlicher* independent. ~ werden (*lit*) to be able to fly; (*fig*) to leave the nest.

**Flug-**: ~gelände nt airfield; ~gepäck nt baggage; ~erlaubtes ~gepäck 15 Kilogram baggage allowance 15 kilos; ~gerät nt, no pl aircraft; ~geschwindigkeit f (*von Vögeln, Insekten*) speed of flight; (*von Flugzeug*) flying speed; (*von Rakete, Geschob, Ball*) ~geschwindigkeit f airline (company); ~gewicht nt all-up weight.

**Flughafen** m airport; (*Mil*) aerodrome (*Brit*), airrome (*US*).

der ~ Hamburg Hamburg airport; auf dem ~ at the airport.

**Flughafen-**: ~gebühr fairport charges pl; ~gelände nt airport grounds pl; ~steuer f airport tax.

**Flug-**: ~höhe f flying height (*auch Orn*); altitude; unsere or die ~höhe beträgt 10.000 Meter we are flying at an altitude of 10,000 metres; die ~höhe erreichen to reach one's cruising altitude or flying height; ~hörnchen nt flying squirrel; ~hund m flying fox; ~ingenieur m flight engineer; ~kanzel cockpit; ~kapitän m captain (of an/the aircraft); ~karte f (a) (*Luftfahrtkarte*) flight or aviation chart; (b) (*rare: ~schein*) plane ticket; ~kilometer m (air) kilometre; ~körper m projectile; ein unbekannter ~körper an unidentified flying object, a UFO; ~korridor m siehe Luftkorridor; ~kosten pl flying costs pl; ~kunst f airmanship, flying skill; ~kunst pl flying skills pl; (*Kunststücke*) aerobatic flights pl; ~lärm m aircraft noise; ~lage f flying position or attitude (*spec*); ~lehrer m flying instructor; ~leitsystem pl flight control system; ~leitung f air-traffic or flight control; ~linie f (a) (*Strecke*) airway, air route; (b) siehe ~gesellschaft; ~loch nt entrance hole; (*bei Bienenstock*) hive entrance; ~lotse m air-traffic or flight controller; ~manöver nt aerial manoeuvre; ~maschine f (a) (*Hist*); ~zeug f flying machine; (b) (*Theat*) wires pl; ~meldeamt m (*Mil*) enemy aircraft warning service; ~meteorologie f aeronautical meteorology; ~minute f nach funf ~minuten after flying for five minutes; dreißig ~minuten von hier thirty minutes by air from here; ~mission f space mission; ~motor m aircraft engine; ~netz nt network of air routes; ~objekt nt ein unbekanntes ~objekt an unidentified flying object, a UFO; ~ordnung f flight formation; ~passagier m siehe ~gast; ~personal nt flight personnel pl; ~plan m flight schedule; ~platz m airfield; (*größer*) airport; ~post f (*dated*) airmail; ~preis m air fare; ~programm nt schedule or programme of flights; ~prüfung f examination for one's pilot's licence; ~reise f flight; eine ~reise machen to travel by air; ich ziehe ~reisen vor I prefer to travel by air or to fly; ~reisende(r) m (airline) passenger; ~richtung f direction of flight; die ~richtung ändern to change one's flight course; ~route f air-route.

**flugs** [floks] adv (*dated*) without delay, speedily.

**Flug-**: ~sand m drifting sand; ~saurier m pterodactyl; die ~saurier the pterosaurs; ~schanze f (*Sport*) ski-jump; ~schein m (a) pilot's licence; (b) (*-karte*) plane or air ticket; ~schneise f flight path; ~schreiber m siehe ~datenschreiber; ~schrift f pamphlet; ~schrüter m trainee pilot; ~sicherheit f air safety; ~sicherung f air traffic control; ~simulator m flight simulator; ~sport m flying, aviation; ~staub m fine dust; ~steig m gate; ~strecke f flying distance; eine große ~strecke zurücklegen to fly a long distance; ~stunde f (a) flying hour; zehn ~stunden entfernt ten hours away by air; (b) (*Unterricht*) flying lesson; f-*tauglich* adj Pilot fit to fly; ~technik f (a) aircraft engineering; (b) (*-fertigkeit*) flying technique; f-*technisch* adj aeronautical; *Bedeutung, Entwicklung, Prinzipien auch aerotechnical; Erfahrung, Fehler* flying attr; eine f-*technische* Ausbildung haben to have been trained in flying; f-*technisch* ist er perfekt his flying is perfect; ~ticket nt plane ticket; ~touristik f holiday air travel; f-*tüchtig* adj airworthy; ~tüchtigkeit f airworthiness; f-*unfähig* adj unable to fly; **Flugzeug** (*nicht in Ordnung*) unairworthy; f-*untauglich* adj unfit to fly; ~unterbrechung f stop; (mit Übernachtung auch) stopover; f-*untüchtig* adj unairworthy; ~veranstaltung f air display or show; ~verbindung f air connection; es gibt auch eine ~verbindung there are flights there too; ~verbot f flying ban; nachts besteht ~verbot auf dem Flughafen the airport is closed to air traffic at night; ein ~verbot erlassen to ground; (*über bestimmten Gebieten*) to ban from flying; jdm ~verbot erteilen to ground sb, to ban sb from flying; ~verkehr m air traffic; ~versuch m attempt to fly or at flight; ~warndienst m siehe ~meldeamt; ~wesen nt, no pl aviation no art; (mit Ballons

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flog [flok] past of *fliegen*.  
floh [flo] past of *fliehen*.  
Flöh zo. [-] m (-[e]sl-e) flea; ~markt m flea market.  
Flor [flor] m (-sl-e) on fabric: pile, nap.  
Floret [flo'ret] n (-[e]sl-e) foil.  
florieren [flo'riən] v/i. (no ge-, h) flourish, prosper.  
Floskel [floskel] f (-l-n) empty or clichéd phrase.  
floß [flos] past of *fließen*.  
Floß [flos] n (-esl-e) raft, float.  
Flosse [flos] f (-l-n) fin; flipper; swimfin.  
flößen [flosen] v/t. (ge-, h) raft; 'ßer m (-sl-) raftsman, raftsmen.  
Flöte [flothet] f (-l-n) flute; recorder; 'ßen v/t. and v/i. (ge-, h) play the flute or recorder; bird; warble; F whistle;  
'senghen v/i. (irr. gehen, sep., -ge-, sein) go to pot, go down the drain.  
flott adj. [flost] brisk; lively, peppy; clothes: smart; car: a. racy; & afloat.  
Flotte [fota] f (-l-n) & fleet; X navy; 'nsitzpunkt m naval base.  
flottmachen v/t. (sep., -ge-, h) & get (ship) afloat; fig. get (car, etc.) going again.  
Flöz geol. X [flosz] n (-esl-e) seam.  
Flucht [flu:t] m (-[e]sl-e) curse; swear-word; 'ßen v/i. (ge-, h) swear, curse.  
Flucht [flu:t] f (-l-n) flight (*vor dat.* from); escape, getaway (*aus from*); auf der ~ on the run; die ~ ergreifen take (to) flight; In die ~ schlagen put s.o. to flight. Earligr adv. [-?]- hastily.  
flüchten ['fly:tun] (ge-) v/i. (sein) and v/re/l. (h) flee (nach, zu to), run away; escape, get away.  
Fluchthelfer m/s.o. who smuggles refugees out of a country, escape agent; 'hilfe f (-no pl.): j-m ~ leisten help or smuggle s.o. out of a country.  
flüchtig adj. [fly:tig] fugitive (a. fig.), on the run, at large; fig. superficial; work, etc.; careless; X volatile; *er Blick* glance; *er Eindruck* glimpse; 'skelt-fehler m slip (of the pen).  
Flüchtlings ['fly:tling] m (-sl-e) fugitive; pol. refugee; 'slager n refugee camp.  
Flug [fluk] m (-[e]sl-e) flight; im ~ fig. rapidly, quickly; 'abwehrkarte [-?] f anti-aircraft missile; 'bahn f trajectory (of rocket, etc.); X flight path; 'ball m tennis, etc.; volley; 'begleiter X n flight attendant; 'blatt n handbill, leaflet; 'boot X n flying boat, seaplane; 'dienst X n air service.  
Flügel [fly:gel] m (-sl-e) wing; of propeller, etc.: a. blade; sail (of windmill, etc.);

grand piano; 'mutter f wing nut; 'schlag m flap(ping) of wings; 'schraube f thumb screw; 'stürmer m sports: wing forward; 'tür arch. f folding door.  
Fluggast m (air) passenger.  
flügge adj. [flugs] fully-fledged.  
Flug/gesellschaft f airline (company); 'hafen m airport; 'hafengebäude n terminal; 'körper X m flying object; X missile; 'linie f air route; airline; 'lotse m air-traffic controller; 'plan X m flight plan; (flight) schedule; 'platte m airfield; airport.  
flugs adv. [flugs] quickly; at once.  
Flugschein m flight ticket; 'schräber m flight recorder; 'schrift f pamphlet; 'sicherung f air-traffic control; 'steig X m gate; 'verkehr m air traffic; air service; 'zeit f flying time.  
Flugzeug n (-[e]sl-e) aircraft, (air-)plane, esp. Br. aeroplane; mit dem ~ by air or plane; 'absturz [-?] m air or plane crash; 'entführung [-?] f hijacking, skyjacking; 'halle f hangar; 'katastrophe f air disaster; 'träger m aircraft carrier.  
Flunder zo. [flundor] f (-l-n) flounder.  
Flunkern F [flugkarn] v/i. (ge-, h) fib; brag.  
Flunsch F [funs] m (-esl-e): e-n ~ ziehen make a face.  
Fluor X [fluor] n (-slo pl.) element: fluorine; agent: fluoride; 'kohlenwasserstoffe pl. CFC's, chlorofluorocarbons.  
Flur [flur] 1. m (-[e]sl-e) hall(way); corridor; 2. lit. f (-l-n) field, plain; 'garderobe f coat rack; coat or hall closet.  
Fluß [flus] m (Flusses/Flüsse) river; stream; flow (a. fig.); Im ~ fig. in a state of flux; 'abwärts adv. [-?] downstream; 'aufwärts adv. [-?] upstream; 'bett n river bed; 'dampfer m steamboat, riverboat.  
flüssig adj. [fly:sig] liquid; melted (butter, etc.); style, etc.: fluent; money: available; 'skelt f (-l-n) liquid; liquidity; fluency.  
Flußlauf m course of a river; 'pferd zo. n hippo(poatamus); 'schiffahrt f river navigation or traffic; 'ufer [-?] n riverbank, riverside.  
flüstern ['fly:tarn] v/i. and v/t. (ge-, h) whisper.  
Flut [flut] f (-l-n) flood (a. fig.); high tide; es ist ~ the tide is in; 'ßen (ge-) v/i. (sein) and v/t. (h) flood; 'licht X n floodlight; 'welle f tidal wave.  
fotch [fotx] past of fechten.

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Forelle zo. [fo'relə] f (-l-n) trout.  
Forke ['forkə] f (-l-n) (pitch)fork.  
Form [form] f (-l-n) form, shape; sports, etc.: a. condition; @ mo(u)ld; 2al adj. [-mail] formal; ~alität [-ali'tet] f (-l-n) formality; 'at [-mat] (-[e]sl-e) size; esp. book, etc.: format, fig. calib[er], Brt. -re; 'el [-el] f (-l-n) formula; 'ell adj. [-mel] formal; 'zen v/t. (ge-, h) shape, form; mo(u)ld (clay, character, etc.); 'lehre gr. f morphology; 'lehler m flaw (a. fig.); faux pas; 'ieren [-imron] v/t. and v/re/l. (no ge-, h) form (up).  
...förmig [-fɔrmig] in compounds: ...shaped, in the form of ...  
förmlich ['fɔrmliç] 1. adj. formal; fig. regular; 2. adv. formally; fig. literally, practically.  
'formlos adj. shapeless; fig. informal; 'schön adj. well-designed.  
Formular [formular] n (-sl-e) (printed) form, blank.  
formulieren v/t. (no ge-, h) word, phrase; formulate (rule, etc.); express; wie soll ich es ~? how shall I put it?; 'zung f (-l-n) wording, phrasing; formulation; expression, phrase.  
'formvollendet adj. perfect(ly shaped).  
forsch adj. [forç] brisk, straightforward; brash, self-confident.  
forsch'en ['forçen] v/i. (ge-, h) research, do research work; ~ nach search for; 'ßer m (-sl-) explorer; (research) scientist; 'zung f (-l-n) research (work); 'ungsanstalt [-?]-f. 'zungszentrum n research center, Brt. -re.  
Forst [forst] m (-[e]sl-e[n]) forest.  
Forster ['fœrstor] m (-sl-) forester, forest ranger.  
'Forstwirtschaft f forestry.  
Fort X [for] n (-sl-s) fort.  
fort adv. [fort] off, away; gone; missing; ich muß ~ I must be off or going; in e-m ~ on and on; und so ~ and so forth; for compounds s.a. weg.  
'Förderbestand m (-[e]stn pl.) (continued) existence; survival; 'bestehen v/i. (irr. stehen, sep., no -ge-, h) continue; 'bewegen v/re/l. (sep., no -ge-, h) move; 'bewegung f (-no pl.) moving; (loco)motion; 'bildend v/re/l. (sep., -ge-, h) improve one's knowledge or skill; continue one's education or training; 'bildung f (-no pl.) further education or training; in-service training; 'dauer f continuance; 'fahren v/i. (irr. fahren, sep., -ge-) 1. (sein) leave, go away; mot. a. drive off; 2. (h, sein) continue, go or keep on (et. zu tun doing s.th.); 'fall m (-[e]stn pl.) s. Weggang; 'führen v/t. (sep., -ge-, h)

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f) Illustrative phrases in boldface italics are generally given within the respective categories of the dictionary article.

In the dictionary, words which are typically American are marked Am. and those which are predominantly used in British English are marked Brt.

## Grammar

Knowing what to do with the grammatical information available in the dictionary will enable the user to get the most out of this dictionary. If, for instance, an entry (a verb, adjective or noun) is governed by certain prepositions, these are given in boldface italics and in brackets together with their English or German translations and placed next to the appropriate translation. If the German or English preposition is the same for all or several translations, it is given only once before or after the first translation and then also applies to the translations which follow it.

abdrücken ... 1. v/t. (h) move away (von from) ...  
befestigen v/t. (no -ge-, h) fasten (an dat. to), fix (to), attach (to) ...  
diesen ... anderer Meinung sein (from als) ...  
dissimilar ... (to) unähnlich (dat.); verschieden (von) ...

With German prepositions which can take the dative or the accusative, the case is given in brackets:

rittern ... ~ an (dat.) rattle at ...

Notes on special grammatical conventions used in the German-English section (see also p. 16):

### a) nouns

The inflectional forms (genitive singular/in nominative plural) follow immediately after the indication of gender. No forms are given for compounds if the parts appear as separate entry words.

The horizontal stroke replaces the part of the word which remains unchanged in the inflexion:

Affäre f (-l-n) - Keks m, n (-[e]sl-e) (= Keks or Kekses/Kekse)

The sign ~ indicates that an umlaut appears in the inflected form in question:

Blatt n (-[e]sl-e) = Blätter

The inflectional forms of German nouns ending in -in are given in the following ways:  
Ärztin f (-l-nen)  
Abenteurer(in) m (y) (-sl-y-l-nen) [= Abenteurer m (-sl-)] and  
Abenteuerin f (-l-nen)



**Headwords**

The words you look up in a dictionary — "headwords" — are listed alphabetically. They are printed in bold type for rapid identification. The two headwords appearing at the top of each page indicate the first and last word dealt with on the page in question.

Information about the usage or form of certain headwords is given in brackets after the phonetic spelling. This usually appears in abbreviated form and in italics (e.g. *(umg)*, *(COMM)*).

Where appropriate, words related to headwords are grouped in the same entry (*Glück, glücken*) in a slightly smaller bold type than the headword.

Common expressions in which the headword appears are shown in a different bold roman type (e.g. *Glück haben*).

**Phonetic spellings**

The phonetic spelling of each headword (indicating its pronunciation) is given in square brackets immediately after the headword (e.g. Quark [kvark]). A list of these symbols is given on page xii.

**Meanings**

Headword translations are given in ordinary type and, where more than one meaning or usage exists, these are separated by a semi-colon. You will often find other words in italics in brackets before the translations. These offer suggested contexts in which the headword might appear (e.g. *eng* (*Kleidung*) or (*Freundschaft*) or provide synonyms (e.g. *eng* (*fig: Horizont*)).

**"Key" words**

Special status is given to certain German and English words which are considered as "key" words in each language. They may, for example, occur very frequently or have several types of usage (e.g. *sein, auch; get, that*). A combination of lozenges and numbers helps you to distinguish different parts of speech and different meanings. Further helpful information is provided in brackets and in italics in the relevant language for the user.

**Grammatical information**

Parts of speech are given in abbreviated form in italics after the phonetic spellings of headwords (e.g. *vt, adv, konj*).

Genders of German nouns are indicated as follows: m for a masculine and f for a feminine and nt for a neuter noun. The genitive and plural forms of regular nouns are shown on the table on page xi. Nouns which do not follow these rules have the genitive and plural in brackets immediately preceding the gender (e.g. *Spätzle, (-es, -e), m*).

Adjectives are normally shown in their basic form (e.g. *groß adj*), but where they are only used attributively (i.e. before a noun) feminine and neuter endings follow in brackets (hohe (f, s) *adj attrib*).

**The German spelling reform**

The German spelling reform has been fully implemented in this dictionary. All headwords on the German-English side which are affected by the spelling changes are marked ▲. Old spellings which are significantly different from the new ones and have a different alphabetical position are still listed and are cross-referenced to the new spellings. The old spellings are marked △.

**Warenzeichen**

Wörter, die unseres Wissens eingetragene Warenzeichen darstellen, sind als solche gekennzeichnet. Es ist jedoch zu beachten, daß weder das Vorhandensein noch das Fehlen derartiger Kennzeichnungen die Rechtslage hinsichtlich eingetragener Warenzeichen berührt.

**Note on trademarks**

Words which we have reason to believe constitute trademarks have been designated as such. However, neither the presence nor the absence of such designation should be regarded as affecting the legal status of any trademark.

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**fort**

<b>riunier</b> aircraft carrier	101
flumm [flu:m] adj weak, listless; ( <i>Nachfrage</i> ) smooth	
flumm [flu:m] ~ sb feels queasy	
Flaum [flu:m] (c-, -n) m feather, down	
flink [flu:nk] adj quick, lively	
Flinte [finta] f rifle, shotgun	
flitterwochen [fittəvɔ:hən] f honeymoon, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Flaute [fla:tə] f calm, (calm) weather	
Flocke [flok:a] f flake	
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Fleck [flek] (c-, -n) m spot; (Schwartz) blemish	
~er (c-, -n) m stain, blemish, nicht vom ~ kommen (auch ~ig) to get any further, vom ~ weg straight away	
Fleck [flek] (c-, -n) m stain, removed	
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Fledermaus [fledərmā:s] bat	
Flegel [flegəl] (c-, -n) m (Menagerie) lout, ~haft adj foolish, unmanly; ~haft adj adolescent, ~ig adj diligent, industrious	
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Fleischchen [fleis:a] f (Zähne) to show	
flexibel [fleksibl] adj flexible	
Flicken [flik:a] (c-, -n) m patch; f- to mend	
Flieder [fli:də] (c-, -n) m lilac	
Fliege [fli:g] f fly; ( <i>Ablösung</i> ) bow tie, ~n ( <i>umg</i> ) vt to fly, auf jdn/wem ~n (c-, -n) m flight, schedule; ~platz m airport; ~n (c-, -n) m flight, ~reise flight; ~schein m (Ticket) plane ticket; (Piloten) pilot's licence; ~steig ~stakl (c-, -n) m rate, ~verbündung air connection, ~werkst m air traffic; ~zeug m (carplane, airplane, plane) ~, ~eigentlung f hijacking of a plane; ~zeugt m flow, ~end adj flowing, (reade,	

**Huggeseschatt**

<b>flau</b> [flu:] adj weak, listless; ( <i>Nachfrage</i> ) smooth	100
slack, idm ist ~ sb feels queasy	
Flaum [flu:m] (c-, -n) m (Feder) down, (Haare) fluff	
flauschig [flausig] adj fluffy	
Flaute [fla:tə] f calm, (calm) weather	
Flocke [flok:a] f flake	
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florierten [flu:ri:tən] vt to flourish	
Flossel [flosl] f (sail) patches (Mädel)	
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**ABKÜRZUNGEN**

Abkürzung	abkr
Adjektiv	adj
Akkusativ	acc
Adverb	adv
Landwirtschaft	AGR
Akkusativ	akk
Anatomie	ANAT
Architektur	ARCHIT
Astrologie	ASTROL
Astronomie	ASTRON
attributiv	attrib
Kraftfahrzeuge	AUT
Hilfsverb	aux
Luftfahrt	AVIAT
besonders	bes
Botanik	BIOL
britisch	BOT
Chemie	BRIT
Film	CHEM
Konjunktion	CINE
Handel	conj
Komparativ	COMPAR
Computer	COMPUT
Kochen und Backen	COOK
zusammengesetztes Wort	cpd
Dativ	dat
bestimmter Artikel	def art
dekliniert	dekl
Diminutiv	dimin
kirchlich	ECCL
Eisenbahn	EISENB
Elektrizität	ELEK, ELEC
besonders	esp
und so weiter	etc
etwas	etw
Euphemismus, Hüllwort	euph
Interjektion, Ausruf	excl
Pernum	f
übertragen	fig
Finanzwesen	FIN
nicht getrennt gebraucht	fus
Genitiv	gen
Geografie	GEOG
Geologie	GEOL
gewöhnlich	gew

**ABBREVIATIONS**

abbreviation	abbreviat
adjective	adj
accusative	acc
adverb	adv
agriculture	AGR
accusative	akk
anatomy	ANAT
architecture	ARCHIT
astrology	ASTROL
astronomy	ASTRON
attributive	attrib
auxiliary	AUT
aviation	aux
especially	AVIAT
biology	bes
botany	BIOL
British chemistry	BOT
chemistry	BRIT
cinema	CHEM
conjunction	CINE
commerce	conj
comparative	COMPAR
computing	COMPUT
cooking	COOK
compound	cpd
dative	dat
definite article	def art
decline	dekl
diminutive	dimin
electricity	EISENB
especially et cetera	ELEK, ELEC
something euphemism	esp
exclamation	etc
feminine figurative	etcw
finance especially	euph
genitive geology	excl
genitive geography	fin
genitive geology	fus
genitive geography	gen
genitive geology	GEOG
usually	GEOL

(phrasal verb) inseparable

## HOW TO USE THIS DICTIONARY

## HINWEISE FÜR DEN BENUTZER

# *The New College* **GERMAN & ENGLISH** Dictionary

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All entry words are treated in a fixed order according to the parts of speech and the functions of verbs. On the German-English side: past participle, adjective, adverb, pronoun, preposition, conjunction, interjection, transitive verb, reflexive verb, reciprocal verb, intransitive verb, impersonal verb, auxiliary verb, substantive; on the English-German side: adjective, substantive, pronoun, adverb, preposition, conjunction, transitive verb, intransitive verb, auxiliary verb, impersonal verb, interjection.

Alle Stichwörter werden in einheitlicher Reihenfolge gemäß der Wortart und der Verbfunction behandelt. Im deutsch-englischen Teil: Partizip Perfekt, Adjektiv, Adverb, Pronomen, Präposition, Konjunktion, Interjektion, transitives Verb, reflexives Verb, reziprokeres Verb, intransitives Verb, unpersönliches Verb, Hilfsverb, Substantiv; im englisch-deutschen Teil: Adjektiv, Substantiv, Pronomen, Adverb, Präposition, Konjunktion, transitives Verb, intransitives Verb, Hilfsverb, unpersönliches Verb, Interjektion.

The order of meanings within an entry is as follows: first, the more general meanings; second, the meanings with usage labels; third, the meanings with subject labels in alphabetical order; fourth, illustrative phrases in alphabetical order.

Die verschiedenen Bedeutungen sind innerhalb eines Stichwortartikels in folgender Anordnung gegeben: zuerst die allgemeinen Bedeutungen; dann die Bedeutungen mit Bezeichnung der Sprachgebrauchsebene; dann die Bedeutungen mit Bezeichnung des Sachgebietes, in alphabetischer Reihenfolge; zuletzt die Anwendungsbeispiele, in alphabetischer Reihenfolge.

Subject and usage labels (printed in roman and in parentheses) refer to the preceding entry word or illustrative phrase in the source language (printed in boldface), e.g.,

Die Bezeichnungen der Sprachgebrauchsebene und des Sachgebietes (in Antiqua und in Klammern) beziehen sich auf das vorangehende Stichwort oder Anwendungsbeispiel in der Ausgangssprache (halbgefettet gedruckt), z.B.

**mund'tot adj—j-n m. machen** (fig) silence s.o.  
Pinke ['piŋka] f (-;) (coll) dough

Words in parentheses and in roman coming after a meaning serve to clarify that meaning, e.g.,

Kursiv gedruckte Wörter in Klammern, die nach einer Bedeutung stehen, sollen diese Bedeutung illustrieren, z.B.

**überschau'en tr** look over, survey; overlook (*a scene*)

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Words in parenthesis and in roman type coming after or before a meaning are optional additions to the word in the target language, e.g.,

In Antiqua gedruckte Wörter in Klammern, die nach oder vor einer Bedeutung stehen, sind wahlfreie Erweiterungen des Wortes der Zielsprache, z.B.

**Tanne** ['tanə] f (-;n) fir (tree)  
**Pap'rikaschote** f (green) pepper

Meaning discriminations are given in the source language and are in italics, e.g.,

Bedeutungsdifferenzierungen sind in der Ausgangssprache angegeben und kursiv gedruckt, z.B.

**überrei'zen tr** overexcite; (*Augen, Nerven*) strain  
**earn** [ərn] tr (money) verdienen; (*interest*) einbringen

Inflections are generally not shown for compound entry words, since the inflections have been shown where the components are entry words. However, when the last component of a compound noun on the German-English side has various inflections depending on meaning, the inflection is shown for the compound, e.g.,

Bei zusammengesetzten Stichwörtern ist die Flexion im Allgemeinen nicht angegeben, da sie unter den als Stichwörter angeführten Teilen des Kompositums angegeben ist. Falls jedoch der letzte Teil eines deutschen Kompositums je nach der Bedeutung verschieden flektiert wird, ist die Flexion für das Kompositum angegeben, z.B.

**Ton'band** n (-[e]s; -er) . . .



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**fliegen → Föhn**

**[2] bow tie** ◊ *Er trug eine Fliege.* He was wearing a bow tie.

**fliegen VERB (IMPERFECT flog, PERFECT ist geflogen)**

**to fly**

**fliehen VERB (IMPERFECT floh, PERFECT ist geflohen)**

**to flee**

**die Flieze NOUN**

**tile**

**das Fließband NOUN (PL die Fließbänder)**

**assembly line**

**fließen VERB (IMPERFECT floss, PERFECT ist geflossen)**

**to flow**

**fließend ADJECTIVE, ADVERB**

**[1] running** ◊ *fließendes Wasser* running water

**[2] fluent** ◊ *Sie spricht fließend Englisch.* She is fluent in English.

**flink ADJECTIVE**

**nimble**

**flitterwochen FEM PL NOUN**

**honeymoon**

**flitzen VERB (PAST ist geflitzt)**

**to dash**

**die Flöcke NOUN**

**flake** ◊ *eine Schneeflocke* a snowflake

**flog VERB SEE fliegen**

**der Flöhd NOUN (PL die Flöhde)**

**fléa**

**der Flohmarkt NOUN (PL die Flohmärkte)**

**flea market**

**die Floskel NOUN**

**set phrase**

**floss VERB SEE fließen**

**die Flösse NOUN**

**[1] fin** ◊ *die Flosse eines Haars* a shark's fin

**[2] flipper** ◊ *Er hat seine Flossen mit ins Schwimmbad genommen.* He took his flippers with him to the swimming baths.

**die Flöte NOUN**

**[1] flute** ◊ *Coradula spielt Flöte.* Cordula plays the flute.

**[2] recorder**

**fluchen VERB**

**to curse**

**flüchtig ADJECTIVE**

**alllarge ◊ *Der Einbrecher ist noch flüchtig.* The burglar's still at large.**

**◊ jemanden nur flüchtig kennen** to know somebody only superficially

**der Flüchtlings NOUN (PL die Flüchtlings)**

**refugee**

**der Flug NOUN (PL die Flüge)**

**flight** ◊ *Der Flug nach Atlanta ist verspätet.* The flight to Atlanta's been delayed.

**das Flughalt NOUN (PL die Flughälter)**

**leaflet**

**der Flügel NOUN (PL die Flügel)**

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**[2] hair dryer**  
**föhnen VERB**  
**to blow-dry**

**die Folge NOUN**

**[1] result** ◊ *Er starb an den Folgen des Unfalls.* He died as a result of the accident.

**◊ etwas zur Folge haben** to result in something ◊ *Deine Faulheit wird schlechte Noten zur Folge haben.* Your laziness will result in bad marks.

**◊ Folgen haben** to have consequences ◊ *Das wird schlimme Folgen haben.* That'll have serious consequences.

**[2] episode** ◊ *Hast du die letzte Folge der "Lindenstraße" gesehen?* Did you see the latest episode of "Lindenstraße"?

**◊ ein Roman in Folgen** a serialized novel

**folgen VERB (PAST ist gefolgt)**

**to follow** ◊ *Uns ist ein grünes Auto gefolgt.* We were followed by a green car. ◊ *Folgen Sie dem Wagen da.* Follow that car.

**◊ Ich konnte ihm nicht folgen.** I couldn't follow what he was saying.

**◊ Meine Kinder folgen nicht immer.** My children don't always do what they're told.

**folgend ADJECTIVE**

**following**

**die Folgerung NOUN**

**conclusion**

**folglich ADVERB**

**consequently**

**folgsam ADJECTIVE**

**obedient**

**die Folie NOUN**

**foil**

**foltern VERB**

**to torture**

**der Föhn (R) NOUN (PL die Föne)**

**hair dryer**

**❶ The föhn wind is a dry, warm wind usually found to the north of the Alps.**

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(you have to substitute *ich spielen* for the infinitive form *spielen*. You will often have  
 o adapt the infinitive in this way, adding the correct ending to the verb for **ich**,  
**du**, **er** etc and choosing the present, future or past form. For help with this, look  
 it the German verb tables in the middle of the dictionary. **Spielen** is a regular  
 verb so it follows the same pattern as **machen**, which is set out on page 344.



<b>pool</b>	NOUN
① [pu:dleɪ]	
die Pfütze	
② [pongl]	
der Teich [taɪç]	
③ [fɔ:s wim:niŋ]	
das Schwimmbecken [ʃvɪm:bɛkən]	
Schwimmbecken	
④ [gæmə]	
das Poolbillard ◊ Shall we have a game of	
pool? Sollen wir eine Partie Poolbillard spielen?	
• the pools (football) das Toto ◊ to do the pools	
Toto spielen	

The underlining points out all the main translations, the numbers tell you the  
 there is more than one possible translation and the words in brackets in italic  
 help you choose which translation you want.

## 6 How would you translate "I like playing pool"?

Never take the first translation you see without looking at the other! DON'T OVERUSE THE DICTIONARY  
 Always look to see if there is more than one translation underlined.

Phrases in **bold type** preceded by a black diamond ♦ are phrases which are particularly common or important. Sometimes these phrases have a complete different translation from the main translation; sometimes the translation is the same. For example:

cancer	NOUN
der Krebs (gen des Krebses)	◊ He's got cancer.
cancer	Er hat Krebs.
• I'm Cancer. Ich bin Krebs.	

When you look up a word, make sure you look beyond the main translations to see if the entry includes any **bold phrases**.

7 Look up "fahren" to help you translate the sentence "Ich werde morgen mit dem Zug fahren".

## MAKING USE OF THE DICTIONARY

It takes time to look up words so try to avoid using the dictionary unnecessarily. Phrases containing nouns and adjectives may also need to be adapted. You may need to make the noun genitive, plural or dative plural, or the adjective feminine, neuter or plural. Remember that some nouns have irregular genitive or plural forms and that this information is shown in the entry.

## 8 How would you say "We played football"?

Phrases containing nouns and adjectives may also need to be adapted. You may need to make the noun genitive, plural or dative plural, or the adjective feminine, neuter or plural. Remember that some nouns have irregular genitive or plural forms and that this information is shown in the entry.

The underlining points out all the main translations, the numbers tell you the  
 there is more than one possible translation and the words in brackets in italic  
 help you choose which translation you want.

## 9 How would you say "The red flowers are beautiful"?

This is particularly easy with adjectives, ◊ Use a word with a similar meaning. This is particularly easy with adjectives, as there are a lot of words which mean good, bad, big etc and you're sure to know at least one.

abgemacht	ADJECTIVE
agreed	◊ Wir trafen uns zur abgemachten Zeit. We met at the agreed time.
• Abgemacht! OK!	

Use particular examples instead of general terms. If you are asked to describe the sports facilities in your area, and time is short, you could say something like "In our town there is a swimming pool and a football ground."

## 10 How could you say "The Black Forest is huge" without looking up the word "huge"?

## MAKING USE OF THE PHRASES IN THE DICTIONARY

Sometimes when you look up a word you will find not only the word, but the you can also guess the meaning of a German word by using others to give you a exact phrase you want. For example, you might want to say "What's the date?" If you see the sentence "ich lese ein gutes Buch", you may not know the meaning of the word **lese**, but you know it's a verb because it's preceded by **ich**. Sometimes you have to adapt what you find in the dictionary. If you want to say therefore it must be something you can do to a book: **read**. So the translation is: "I play darts" and look up **dart** you will find:

dart	NOUN
der Pfeil	[pfi:l die Pfeile]
• to play darts	Darts spielen

## 11 Try NOT to use your dictionary to work out the meaning of the sentence "Das Mädchen schreibt ihrer Brieffreundin einen Brief auf Deutsch".

## DICTIONARY SKILLS

Using a dictionary is a skill you can improve with practice and by following some basic guidelines. This section gives you a detailed explanation of how to use the dictionary to ensure you get the most out of it.

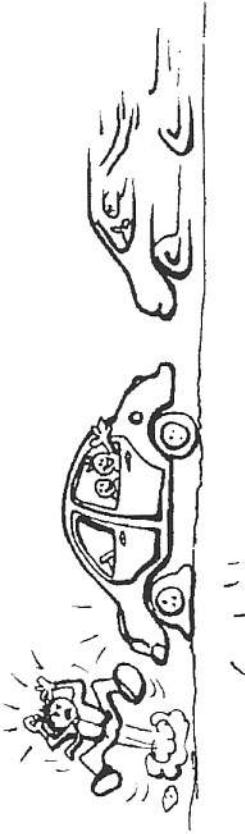
The answers to all the checks in this section are on page 16.

### ► MAKE SURE YOU LOOK IN THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE DICTIONARY

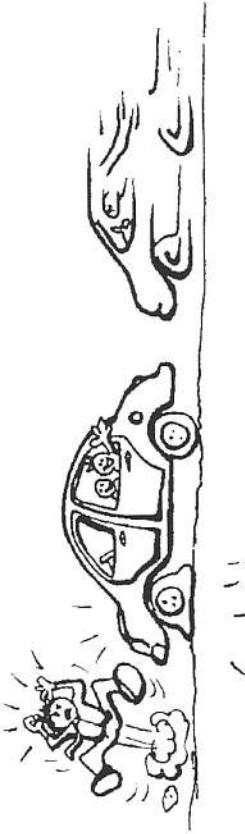
The German-English side comes first, followed by the English-German. The middle pages of the book have a blue border so that you can see where one side finishes and the other starts.



- 1 Which side of the dictionary would you look up to translate "das Fahrrad"?



- 4 Which entry for "flat" should you look at if you want to translate the phrase "My car has a flat tyre"?



Always pay attention to information boxes – they tell you if there is more than one entry for the same word, give you guidance on grammatical points, or tell you about differences between German and British life.

### ► FINDING THE WORD YOU WANT

When you are looking for a word, for example **froh**, look at the first letter – **f** – The main translation of a word is shown on a new line and is underlined to make and find the **F** section in the German-English side. At the top of each page, you'll stand out from the rest of the entry. If there is more than one main translation find the first and last words on that page. When you find the page with the words for a word, each one is numbered. If an entry continues over the page there is a starting with **fr**, scan down the page until you find the word you want. Remember signpost to indicate this **fr**.

Often you will see phrases in italics, preceded by a white diamond ◊. These help you choose the translation you want because they show how the translation they follow can be used.

- 2 On which page will you find the word – "gestern"?  
3 Which comes first – "Bruder" or "Brötchen"?

### ► CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRANSLATION

Words often have more than one meaning and more than one translation, for example, a **pool** can be a puddle, a pond or a swimming pool; **pool** can also be An entry is made up of a **word**, its **translations** and, often, **example phrases** to show you how to use the translations. If there is more than one entry for the same word, then there is an **information box** to tell you so. Look at the following example entries:

- 5 Use the phrases given at the entry "hard" to help you translate:  
"This bread is hard".

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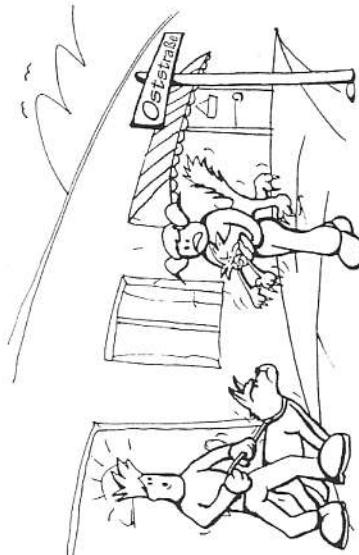
If you look up the word **flat**, you will see that there are two entries for this word as it can be a noun or an adjective. It helps to choose correctly between them if you know how to recognize these different types of words.

### ► NOUNS

Nouns often appear with words like **a**, **the**, **this**, **that**, **my**, **your** and **his**. They can be singular (abbreviated to **SING** in the dictionary):

**her cat**

**his dog**



or plural (abbreviated to **PL** in the dictionary):

**the facts**

**those people**

**his shoes**

**our holidays**

They can be the subject of a verb:

**Vegetables** are good for you

or the object of a verb:

I play tennis

I bought my mother a box of chocolates.

- 12 Which three words in this sentence are nouns?  
13 Which of the nouns is plural?

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eminine nouns are shown by **die**:

**die Katze**

**die Milch**

**die Tür**

**das Auto**

**das Kind**

**das Sofa**

The plural form of **der**, **die** and **das** is **die**. The plural of most feminine German nouns is made by adding **en** or **n**:

**die Katzen**

**die Türen**

**die Familien**

Many German nouns, however, do not add **en** or **n** in the plural, so the plural of these nouns is shown in the entry:

**die Hunde**

**die Häuser**

**die Autos**

**die Wagen**

**die Mütter**

German **der**, **die** and **das** (and also **ein** and **eine**) may change when the noun they precede is used in another case, for example in the accusative, genitive or dative case (abbreviated to ACC, GEN and DAT in the dictionary). It is important to learn when you should use each case in German. The **nominative** case is used to show the subject of a sentence – the **dog** is chasing the cat. All German nouns are shown in the nominative case in the dictionary:

**Ich esse ein Eis.**

**Die Katze** schläf<sup>t</sup>.

**Der Ball** ist im Garten.

The **accusative** case is used to show the direct object of a sentence – I love chocolate – and after certain prepositions e.g. durch, ohne:

**Ich sehe den Hund.**

**Sie liebt mich.**

**Wir gingen durch den Wald.**

The **genitive** case is used to show that something belongs to somebody – my brother's hat – and after certain prepositions e.g. wegen:

**das Auto des Mannes**

**der Hund meiner Mutter**

The **dative** case is used to show the indirect object of a sentence – she told me the news – and after certain prepositions e.g. mit, aus:

**Ich gebe dem Lehrer einen Brief.**

**Er schreibt mir einen Brief.**

**Sie spielen mit dem Ball.**

He rules for the changes to **der**, **die**, **das**, **ein** and **eine** are shown here:

	MASC SING	FEM SING	NEUT SING	PL
NOM	der	die	das	die
ACC	den	die	das	die
GEN	des	der	des	der
DAT	dem	der	dem	den

German nouns all start with a capital letter and can be either masculine, feminine or neuter (abbreviated to MASC, FEM or NEUT in the dictionary). Masculine nouns are shown by **der**.

**der Hund**

**der Zug**

# Wie, bitte?

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## INTRODUCTORY GERMAN FOR PROFICIENCY

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The Glossary is organized to encourage you to learn as you look up a word. Decide first whether it is a *noun* – a word that names a person, place or thing. That decision is easier to make in German than in English or most other languages, since in printed German nouns are capitalized.

If the word is not a noun, look for it under the category "OTHER." If the word is a noun, look in the "NOUNS" section under its gender heading *der*, *die*, or *das*. The noun lists are organized that way because gender is a basic feature of German. Failure to learn the gender of commonly used words will cause you severe problems in managing other structures. You should also acquire the ability to guess gender by the "shape" of the word and by anything you can derive from the context in which the word is used. So you may have to guess the gender of the noun you are looking up. But the Glossary pages are organized so that you will not have to look very far.

*Plurals:* Like English, German has several major patterns of pluralization that a speaker learns to apply by reflex. Truly irregular plural forms and patterns of lesser frequency are learned as exceptions. In the Glossary, the two common regular patterns of plural formation are not indicated; instead, you are expected to supply them. The two general principles are:

If the word ends in -e, add -n                    die Fahrkarte, pl. Fahrkarten

If the word does not end in -e, add -e        der Tag, pl. Tage

In all other cases the plural is indicated, or else the abbreviation "no pl" will tell you that the plural form either does not exist or is uncommon.

The indication of umlaut in the pluralization symbols needs explanation.

~ = umlaut the stem vowel and then add any other indicated letters:

der Mann, ~er pl. = Männer

The umlaut applies to the last word in a compound noun:

der Sommermantel, ~ pl. = Sommermäntel  
(not Sömmermantel)

The double vowel *au* is umlauted to *äu*:

das Haus, ~er pl. = Häuser

der Körper	
der Kopf	die Schulter (Schultern)
das Haar (Haare)	die Brust (Brüste)
das Auge (Augen)	der Arm (Arme)
die Brille	die Hand (Hände)
die Kontaktlinse(n)	der Finger (-)
das Ohr (Ohren)	stomach: der Bauch ( <i>external</i> ) der Magen ( <i>internal organ</i> )
die Nase	die Rippe (-n)
der Mund	das Gesäß, der Po, der Hintern
der Zahn (Zähne)	das Bein (Beine)
das Kinn	der Fuß (Fuße)
der Hals	die Zehe (-n)
das ~ bein = — bone	
organs: das Herz	die Lunge
	die Leber

For other parts: Use the official medical term, but with German pronunciation.

cousin: der Vetter (-n), die Kusine (-n)  
grandchild: das Enkelkind (der Enkel, die Enkelin)  
relative: der Verwandte, die Verwandte plural: die Verwandten  
die Angehörigen (kin)

**F**

## NOUNS

**plural only**

**Ferien** vacation (general) 13  
 »Urlaub

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Dürer, Albrecht (°1471, †1528), Maler  
 — Nürnberg, St. Johannisfriedhof

**F****der**

**Fabrikarbeiter**, - factory worker  
 (male) 22  
**Fahkartautomat**, -en ticket  
 vending machine 6  
**Fahrkartenschalter**, - ticket  
 counter, window 3  
**Fahrplan**, -e schedule  
 (transportation) 11  
**Fahrschein** transit ticket 16  
**Familienname** last name, family  
 name P1

**Faschismus** no pl fascism 22  
**Faschist**, -en fascist 22  
**Februar** no pl February 8  
**Fehler**, - mistake, error  
**Feiertag** holiday FF  
**Film** film (camera or movie) 10  
**Fisch** fish 2  
**Flüchtlings** refugee 22  
**Flug**, -e flight (airplane)  
**Flur** entrance hall, hallway 15  
**Fluß, Flüsse** river 7

**die**

**Fabrik**, -en factory 22  
**Fähre** ferryboat 9  
**Fahrkarte** ticket (train, etc.) 1  
**Fahrt**, -en trip (vehicular) 7  
**Familie** family (singular!) 4  
**Farbe** color 17  
**Feinwäsche** no pl delicate laundry  
 25  
**Fête** party  
**Flamme** flame 11

**Flasche** bottle 1  
**Fotoentwicklung**, -en film  
 developing 25  
**Frage** question 10  
**Frau**, -en Mrs., Ms. P1; woman 3;  
 wife 4  
**Freiheit**, -en freedom 22  
**Freizeit** no pl free time, leisure time  
 19

**Fresse** trap, mug, "kisser" 26  
**Freundin**, -nen friend (female),  
 girlfriend 25  
**Freundschaft**, -en friendship  
**Funktion**, -en function 1  
**Fußgängerzone** pedestrian zone(s)  
 8  
**Fütterung**, -en feeding (animals)  
 11

**das**

**Fachgeschäft** specialty shop 19  
**Fahrrad**, -er bicycle 21  
**Farbdia**, -s color slide(s) 10  
**Farbfoto**, -s color photo 25  
**Faß, Fässer** barrel, vat 20  
**Fenster**, - window 7  
**Ferngespräch** long-distance call 12  
**Fest** festival FF  
**Fieber** no pl fever (98.6°F = 37.1°C)  
 13

**Fleisch** no pl meat, flesh 17  
**Flugzeug** airplane 19  
**Formular** form, blank 12  
**Foto**, -s photograph 10  
**Fotogeschäft** camera store 10  
**Fräulein**, - Miss, Ms.; waitress! P1  
**Freibad**, -er open-air swimming  
 pool 19  
**Freilichttheater**, - open-air theater  
 20

**Friesland** no pl Frisia (northwest  
 German coastal regions & islands)  
 17  
**Frühstück** breakfast 2  
**Fundbüro**, -s lost and found office  
 18

## OTHER

**fahren (fährt, fuhr, ist gefahren)**  
 travel, drive 4; radfahren ride a  
 bicycle 13  
**fallen (fällt, fiel, ist gefallen)**  
 fall; die in battle 24  
**fällig** due 15  
**falsch** wrong, incorrect (of things)  
 16 (you're wrong = Sie haben  
 unrecht)  
**fangen (fängt, fing, gefangen)**  
 catch 11  
**fantastisch** fantastic, great 2  
**fast** almost 10  
**faul** lazy; rotten (fruit) 11  
**feiern** celebrate 11  
**fein** fine 17  
**fern** far, distant, tele- 10  
**fernsehen (sieht fern, sah fern,  
 ferngesehen)** watch TV 10  
**fertig** finished, ready 12

**fest** firm, solid  
**finanzieren** finance 17  
**finden (findet, fand, gefunden)**  
 find 3  
**fliegen (fliegt, flog, ist geflogen)**  
 fly  
**fliehen (flieht, floh, ist geflohen)**  
 flee, escape 23  
**folgend** following, subsequent 21  
**fotografieren** photograph, take  
 pictures 7  
**fragen** ask (inquire) 3; ask (request)  
 = bitten  
**französisch** French adj 17  
 (Frenchman = der Franzose,  
 Frenchwoman = die Französinnen)  
**frei** free 4  
**frei-halten (hält frei, hielt frei,  
 freigehalten)** hold, keep open,  
 keep clear 15

**freitags** on Fridays 21  
**fremd** strange, foreign fremd sein  
 be a stranger 16  
**fressen (frißt, fraß, gefressen)**  
 eat (animal activity), feed 11  
**freuen** please, make happy 11;  
 freut mich sehr: pleased to meet  
 you 17; sich freuen auf + acc look  
 forward to 19  
**frisch** fresh (foods) 11  
**früh** early 7 »morgen früh  
**fühlen** feel, sense; sich fühlen: Ich  
 fühle mich besser I feel better  
**führen** lead 8  
**funktionieren** work, function,  
 operate, run 5  
**für** acc for; in favor of 2  
**furchtbar** horrible 8