

## Project K07 "Mine Traumreise" • "My Dream Trip"

## Vocabulary ( $\mathbf{1 5 +}$ + items).

A. The words in the chart below have multiple meanings. Choosing the wrong German equivalent can easily lead to miscomprehension and even embarrassment. ${ }^{1}$ For the English words find the German word that relates to travel. Then contrast it to one or more other German equivalents of the same word that mean very different things.

B. The following words are ambiguous in English with regard to part of speech. Each can be either a noun or a verb. (Example of verb-noun ambiguity: "You can file [verb] this file [noun].") Choosing the wrong German equivalent will not likely cause embarrassment or downright miscomprehension, but your language will come across as very distorted. For each word list both of its travel-related equivalents in German (ex: "drive" (noun") - word for a "drive" in the country, NOT the word for a "driveway".

|  | stay | delay | drive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| verb (action) | Schiveigen | verkebrsstörung fahren |  |
| noun (thing) | blepen | verspätung | treveen |

C. Your special vocabulary - add 7 or more words that are specific to travel or your special interest for making the trip. Indicate the source where you found the word, so we can correct errors.


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List of Websites consulted ( $10+$ items).


Hallo! Ich heisse Faylao Chao und ich komme aus amerika! Ich reise zu Schweiz im Januar. Ich möchte hotelreservierung im voraus und vorausbestellen. Ich möchte ein doppelzimmer mit bade fur mich und mein freudin. Sie haben doppelzimmer nicht dann ich mochte ein zwei einszimmer, ein mit bade und ein ohne dusche. Wieviel kostet das?

Haben Sie imbiss im deine hotel? Sehr gut! Danke!
Weidersehen,
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Hallo! Ich heisse I ...........)! Ich komme zu Hamburg im 2 tage! Ich fleige aus Amerika um 12 uhr. Ich habe die doppelzimmer mit dusche, ja? Sie haben die Imbiss! Sehr gut!! Kann ich reise bei die zug oder das auto? Ich fahre zu hotel ohne verkehrsstörung! Danke!

## Bis Dann!

I.

Hello! Or should I say HALLO meine schwester! Yes, I know you understand what that means because you were once in Germany! Can you guess what I want to do? Yes, I want to go to Germany! This is my fourth year in German class and I am just starting to get comfortable with the language. In our German class, our final project was to plan a "dream trip." The project consisted of finding places where we would want to go and trying to find accommodations during those time periods which includes e-mailing hotels. The two places I wanted to go to were Hamburg, obviously in Germany, and Switzerland.

I have found that either place I go it's going to be pretty educational and NO I am not just saying that so you will fund a trip- I am saying it because it is true.

As you may know, I love singing and dancing. Not so much dancing but singing. Opera is very great in Germany and in Berlin, which is south of Hamburg, there was this place to go watch an opera which probably included dancing because it was titled "Oper \& Tanz." I have also thought about pursuing a minor in Music even though it is slightly impossible but doing it on the side. Music has been my whole life and will continue to be but it would totally be awesome too see a group perform in German and take that back to my studies here in the states as a relation to what I am doing in classes.

What's with Switzerland you may ask? At Portland State, we are required to take University Studies and currently I am in the Columbia Basin class. Not only does that class focus on water quality issues but also on plants. The Swiss Alps provides me an opportunity to go hiking, which is good for my health, and look at the plants that are there and try to identify them such as the edelweiss.

Of course I am not just going for the pure fun of it. It is also an opportunity for me to practice my German in the native country to get more comfortable with it. Also to experience the wonderful culture, whether it may be putting my shoes outside the door for Saint Nicholas or eating the delicious food that is made there. It is a very great opportunity to enhance my learning in German and my studies at Portland State.

Worrying about where I'm going to stay? Well, in Hamburg, I would probably plan on staying in a hotel close to the city because it would make more sense than being on the outliers of the city. Also, during that time, I would like to explore around and see the culture and especially the wonderfully crafted churches that may have been there for a long time. Now in Switzerland, being in German for a couple years, I would like to stay in a bed and breakfast and that can easily be arranged over a phone call. The hotel, I can easily e-mail them or either do a phone call. Earlier in our German class, we had a written test which helped us with helpful hints. Yes, I am really prepared and I want to make this trip! Just thought I would let you in on my wonderful dream trip project! Merry Christmas!! Au Wiedersehen!

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A true-life example going from German to English: A German travel website has a link labeled "sofort buchan." An automatic translator converts this to "instant beeches" (the tree, not the seaside). The verb "buchen" means " to book, reserve." The noun "Buche," whose plural is "Buchen," means "beech tree."

[^1]:    Liebe Dine Schwester,

