



TRANSLATION FOR KEY STAGE 3

GERMAN WORKBOOK II

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Preface

This workbook was made following curriculum changes that added translation to GCSE Modern Languages. It is designed to support teachers as they start teaching translation at the earlier stage of Key Stage 3. The workbook contains exercises for both direct (German-English) and inverse (English-German) translation. The worksheets of each section get progressively more difficult, with more challenging vocabulary and grammar.

This workbook is designed with Year 9/Year 10 pupils in mind and is based on the *Stimmt! 2* textbook, while Workbook I is based *Stimmt! 1*. They should, however, be compatible with an array of different textbooks.

Some exercises are accompanied by “Schlüsselsätze”, which provide support for more challenging vocabulary, as well as some words and phrases that may be specific to the *Stimmt!* series. The “Um Mehr Wissen” sections are intended to make students think in more depth about German, the structures they are using, as well as some translation issues.

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Translation Top Tip Tweets



Top Tip Tweets
@TopTipTweets

Translating into English should be easier - you're able to tell naturally if what you've written is grammatically correct!

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Top Tip Tweets
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Before starting to translate, read the original a few times to make sure you understand it. You can't translate it without understanding it!

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Top Tip Tweets
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Translation is more about conveying ideas than individual words. Literal translations rarely work!

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Top Tip Tweets
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Translating is a great way to revise and learn new grammar and vocab. Take a note of new words - you never know when they'll crop up again!

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Top Tip Tweets
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When translating into English, re-read what you've written. It should read as though it was originally written in English.

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Top Tip Tweets
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Translating into German is trickier - it'll be harder to spot mistakes you make. (But understand the original should be easier!)

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When translating into German, it might be tempting to make up words (you might do it by accident!) It's good to check when guessing words.

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When translating into German, check things that you don't need to check in German, like putting infinitives at the end of the sentence.

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Sometimes re-reading your translation a few hours later can be helpful - a fresh perspective can help you spot mistakes.

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Translation isn't as hard as you think - you often do it in your head when reading in German. It's only a matter of writing it down!

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When translating into German, remember to check you've got the genders right!

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Remember, sentence structure is very different in German. E.g. "Ich weiß nicht, ob ich fliegen soll" would be "I don't know if I should fly"

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Translation Exercises

Direct Translation – German to English

Exercise 1

Your German friend has just put up a new Facebook status; can you translate it into German?



Max Wagner

9 June · 15

Letzte Woche bin ich mit meiner Familie nach Frankreich gefahren. Wir haben viel gemacht. Wir haben einen Bootsausflug gemacht, viele Sehenswürdigkeiten gesehen und viele Souvenirs gekauft. Es war fantastisch!

Like

Comment

Share

You and 12 others

SCHLÜSSELSÄTZE

Einen Bootsausflug

A boat trip

Exercise 2

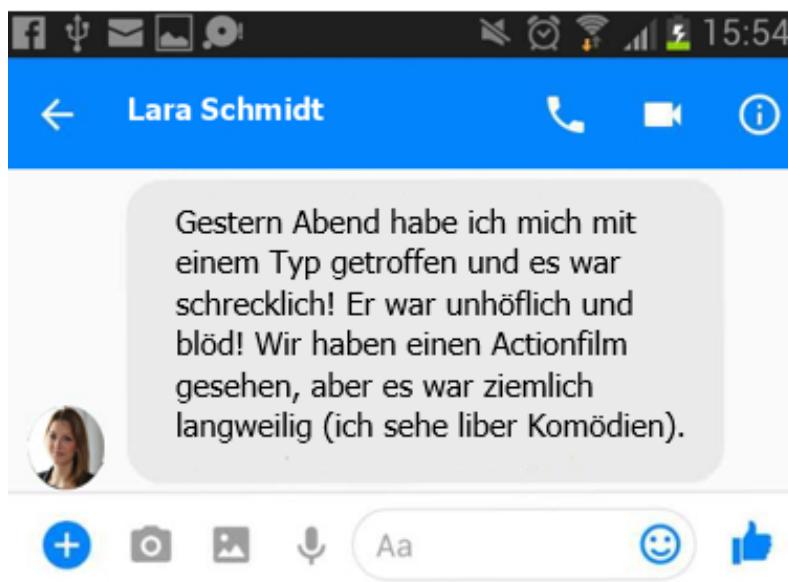
Femke Pfeiffer is talking about her hometown; can you translate what she's saying into English?



Meine Stadt ist sehr alt und schön. Es gibt viel zu tun. Es gibt einen Marktplatz, einen Strand und ein Einkaufszentrum. Letztes Jahr gab es eine Skatehalle aber sie ist nicht mehr da.

Exercise 3

You've just received a Facebook message from your Swiss friend; can you translate it into English?



A screenshot of a Facebook message interface. At the top, there are icons for battery, signal, and time (15:54). Below that is a blue header bar with a back arrow, the name "Lara Schmidt", and icons for phone, video, and info. The main message area shows a profile picture of a woman and a text bubble containing German text. Below the message are standard Facebook interaction buttons: a plus sign, camera, photo, microphone, text input (Aa), smiley face, and thumbs up.

Gestern Abend habe ich mich mit einem Typ getroffen und es war schrecklich! Er war unhöflich und blöd! Wir haben einen Actionfilm gesehen, aber es war ziemlich langweilig (ich sehe lieber Komödien).

SCHLÜSSELSÄTZE

Ein Typ
<i>A guy</i>
Schrecklich
<i>Awful</i>
Unhöflich
<i>Impolite</i>
Blöd
<i>Stupid</i>

Exercise 4

Jens Arnold is talking about his favourite books; can you translate what he's saying into English?



A black and white portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket with a fur-trimmed hood. He is looking slightly to the side with a neutral expression.

Ich war immer schon ein Bücherwurm! Ich lese gern Romane und Fantasybücher. Jedoch lese ich lieber Sachbücher – ich finde sie sehr interessant. Andererseits lese ich nicht gern Biografien – ich finde sie sehr langweilig!

SCHLÜSSELSÄTZE

Ich war immer schon
<i>I have always been</i>
Ein Bücherwurm
<i>A bookworm</i>

Exercise 5

Verena is talking about breakfast; can you translate what she is saying into English?



Was isst du zum Frühstück? Ich esse Eier mit Toast und Butter. Meine Schwester isst kein Frühstück, weil sie jeden Tag verschläft. Sie ist unglaublich faul. Man muss jede Nacht acht Stunden schlafen, doch sein Schlafrhythmus ist verrückt.

SCHLÜSSELSÄTZE

Verschlafen*To oversleep***Faul***Lazy***Sein Schlafrhythmus***Her sleeping pattern***Verrückt***crazy*

Exercise 6

You overhear a conversation while dining out in Germany; can you translate what they are saying?

Guten Abend! Was nehmen Sie heute?



Heute nehme ich die Lasagne und das Knoblauchbrocht.



Sehr gut! Und was nehmen Sie heute?



Guten Abend. Heute nehme ich die Gemüsepizza und den Salat.



Wünschen Sie noch etwas?



Eine Flasche Wein, bitte.

Exercise 7

This is a poster about staying healthy; can you translate it into English?

Um gesund zu bleiben, muss man...



acht Student schlafen
viel Wasser trinken
viel Obst und Gemüse essen



wenig Fett und Zucker essen
früh ins Bett gehen
sich regelmäßig trainieren
nicht rauchen

Exercise 8

You are staying at a hostel in Berlin with some of your friends. You are the only one who can speak German; can you translate what the receptionist is saying to you?



In dieser Jugendherberge haben wir einige Ordnung: man muss das Zimmer sauber halten, nicht im Zimmer rauchen und keine laute Musik hören. Das Frühstück ist im Preis inbegriffen und wird serviert zwischen 7:00 und 9:00 Uhr morgens.

SCHLÜSSELSÄTZE

Einige Odrnung

Some rules

Sauber

Clean/tidy

Rauchen

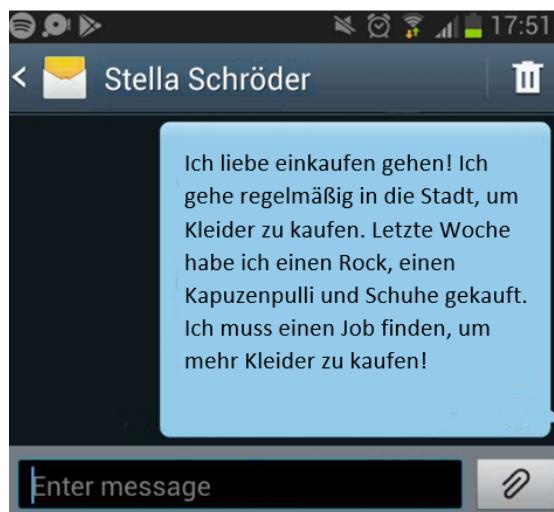
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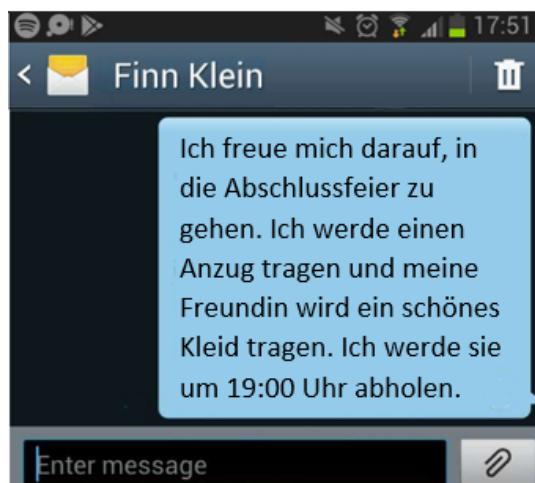
Exercise 9

You've just received a text from your Austrian pen pal; can you translate the message into English?



Exercise 10

You've got a text message from your German exchange partner, who is excited about going to his Abschlussfeier (Formal). Here is the message; can you translate it into English?

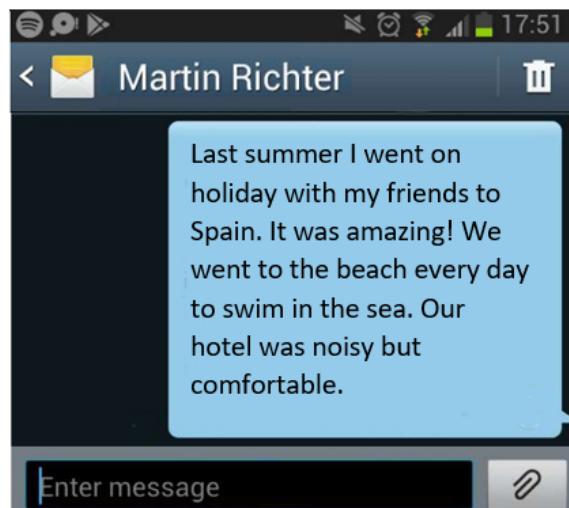


Translation Exercises

Direct Translation – German to English

Exercise 1

You are about to send a text message to your German friend about your holidays. Here is a draft; can you translate it into German?



Exercise 2

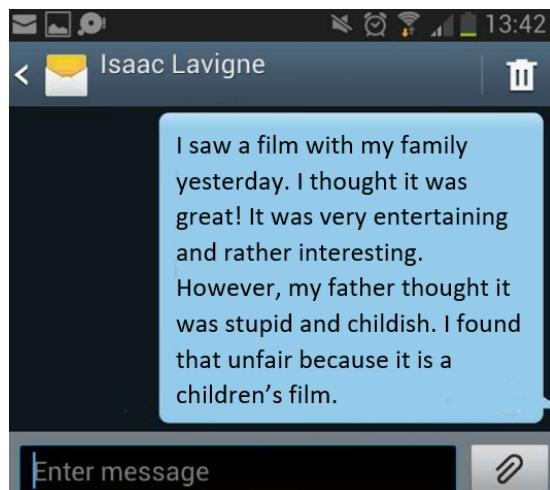
This is a weather forecast in English; can you translate it into German for your friend?



Good evening! Yesterday it was sunny and hot, but today it is foggy and cold. Tonight, there will be thunder and lightning. Tomorrow it will rain, but it will also be sunny.

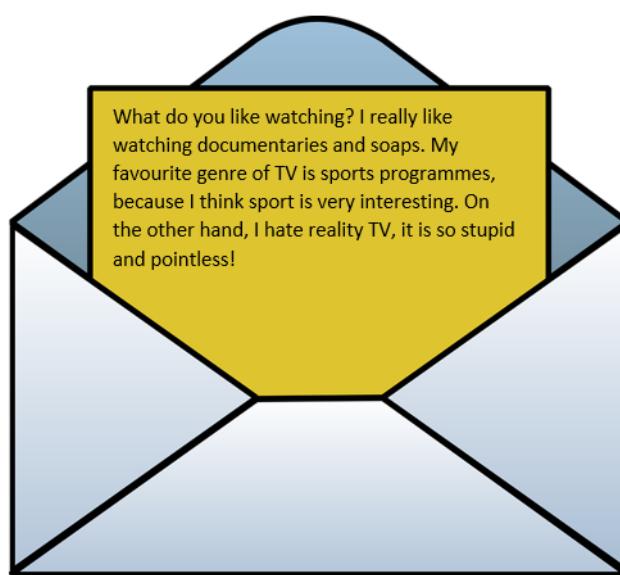
Exercise 3

You're about to send a text to your Swiss friend about a film. Here is a draft; can you translate it into German?



Exercise 4

You're about to write a letter for your German pen pal. This is a draft in English; can you translate it into German?



Exercise 5

Anna is talking about staying healthy; can you translate what she is saying into German?



I try to live healthily, but it is rather difficult! I exercise regularly and I eat healthily, but I love fast food and sweets! I also think I'm addicted to chocolate. At least I go swimming twice a week!

Exercise 6

You're in a café in Munich with friends; can you place the order? This is what you want to say:

Hello, I would like to have the soup, a sandwich and a cup of coffee. My friend (male) would like a sandwich and a Cola and my friend (female) would like to have an omelette and some orange juice.



Exercise 7

You are in your hometown and a German tourist asks you for directions to the museum; can you translate these directions for him?



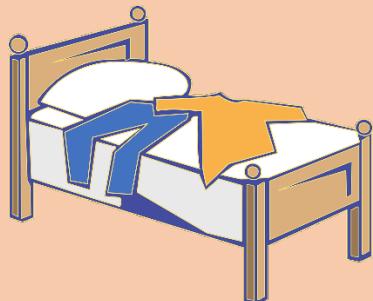
To get to the museum, take the first street on the left, continue straight ahead, go right at the crossroads and cross the square. The museum is beside the cathedral. I hope you enjoy it! [*Ich hoffe, dass es Ihnen gefällt!*]

Exercise 8

Your German exchange partner is coming over and wants to know what your daily routine is like.
You've made a draft in English; can you translate it into German?

My daily routine

At 7:00	I get up, shower and have breakfast
At 9:00	I go to school
At 1:15	I have lunch
At 3:25	I finish school and play football with my friends
At 6:00	I eat dinner with my family
At 7:45	I chat online with my friends
At 9:45	I go to bed



Um Mehr Wissen

1. How would you say all of these different times? i.e. "um sieben Uhr" etc

Exercise 9

Your friend, Anna, is explaining what she is going to do to get herself ready for a party; can you translate for your German friend?

To get myself ready, I have to do my hair, put make-up on, choose my clothes and look at myself in the mirror. This takes a long time because I am a perfectionist.



Exercise 10

Dave is talking to your German friend about clothes; can you translate what he is saying?



I love hoodies and jeans because I have a very informal style. Many people say that suits are very smart, but I think they are rather ugly. I like being comfortable!
