



BERLIN AN DER SPREE

- Welcome to Berlin, Germany's federal capital and most populous city-state.
- Visit the German Parliament, the Brandenburg Gate and other iconic places.
- Explore the history of the Berlin Wall, learn about Berlin's cultural life, including Curry Wurst and the Spree River.
- Ask people you meet about their view of the city, its attractions and the German East.
- Ask your conversation partners how they view the other three German regions: Southern, Western and Northern Germany.

You can talk to people and visit places highlighted in **red**.

A. Mein Berlin. Get off the train at central station (Berlin Hauptbahnhof) and meet **Benjamin** at an info table for a world poverty organization. Ask him about his view of Berlin. Be sure to type or say **Benjamin** first. Then ask away.

Berlin die beste Currywurst¹ Brandenburger Tor Checkpoint Charlie
KaDeWe² Kudamm³ Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche⁴ Spree⁵
Berliner Mauer⁶ Reichstag⁷

¹ Berlin's world famous sausage dish

² Europe's second largest department store after Harrods in London.

³ Kurfürstendamm, Berlin's most famous boulevard lined with upscale shops and restaurants.

⁴ Berlin's iconic memorial church featuring a missing steeple.

⁵ The river flowing through the city.

⁶ The Berlin Wall.

⁷ The Parliament building which is home to Germany's federal government (Bundestag).

B. Metropolis. Stroll along Kudamm and meet **Frau Moll** who is walking her two dogs. Ask her about the advantages and disadvantages of living in a big city like Berlin. Type or say **Frau Moll** first. Then ask away. In German, of course.



Ask Frau Moll:

- what Berlin is like

- what the city's advantages and disadvantages are

Now ask her how she would compare Berlin to cities in the three other German regions:

Berlin und Bremen

Berlin und Köln

Berlin und München

C. Currywurst. Stop by one of Berlin's ubiquitous street side food vendors (Imbiß) where french fries (Pommes), hamburgers (Buletten) and the city's most iconic sausage dish (Currywurst) are served. Ask the proprietor **Frau Beyer** about different aspects of the Currywurst. Type or say **Frau Beyer** first. Then ask away. In German of course.

What is a good Currywurst like?

How much Curry is in a Currywurst?

D. Spree. Head over to the river and ask people what they associate with the river Spree. Just say each name (i.e. **Martina**) and you will directly hear their answer.

Martina

Rudolf

Helene

E. Bär-lin. Head over to a bookstore and browse their book selection about Berlin. Ask two booksellers questions about the origins of the city's name. Say or type **Stadtname** first. Then ask away.



Woher kommt Berlins Name?

Warum ist ein Bär auf Berlins Flagge?

Kommen Sie aus Berlin?

F. Mein Berlin. Ask a train conductor (**Kontrolleur**) about his favorite and least favorite aspect of the city. Type or say **Kontrolleur** first. Then ask away. In German, of course.

What do you like least about Berlin?

What's the best place in Berlin?

G. Langes Gedächtnis. Take a tour of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, one of Berlin's most iconic architectural landmarks. Take a moment and ask your tour guide **Nelli**, a Art History major at the Freie Uni Berlin, about different aspects of the church's history. Type or say **Nelli** first. Then ask about any of the topics below.

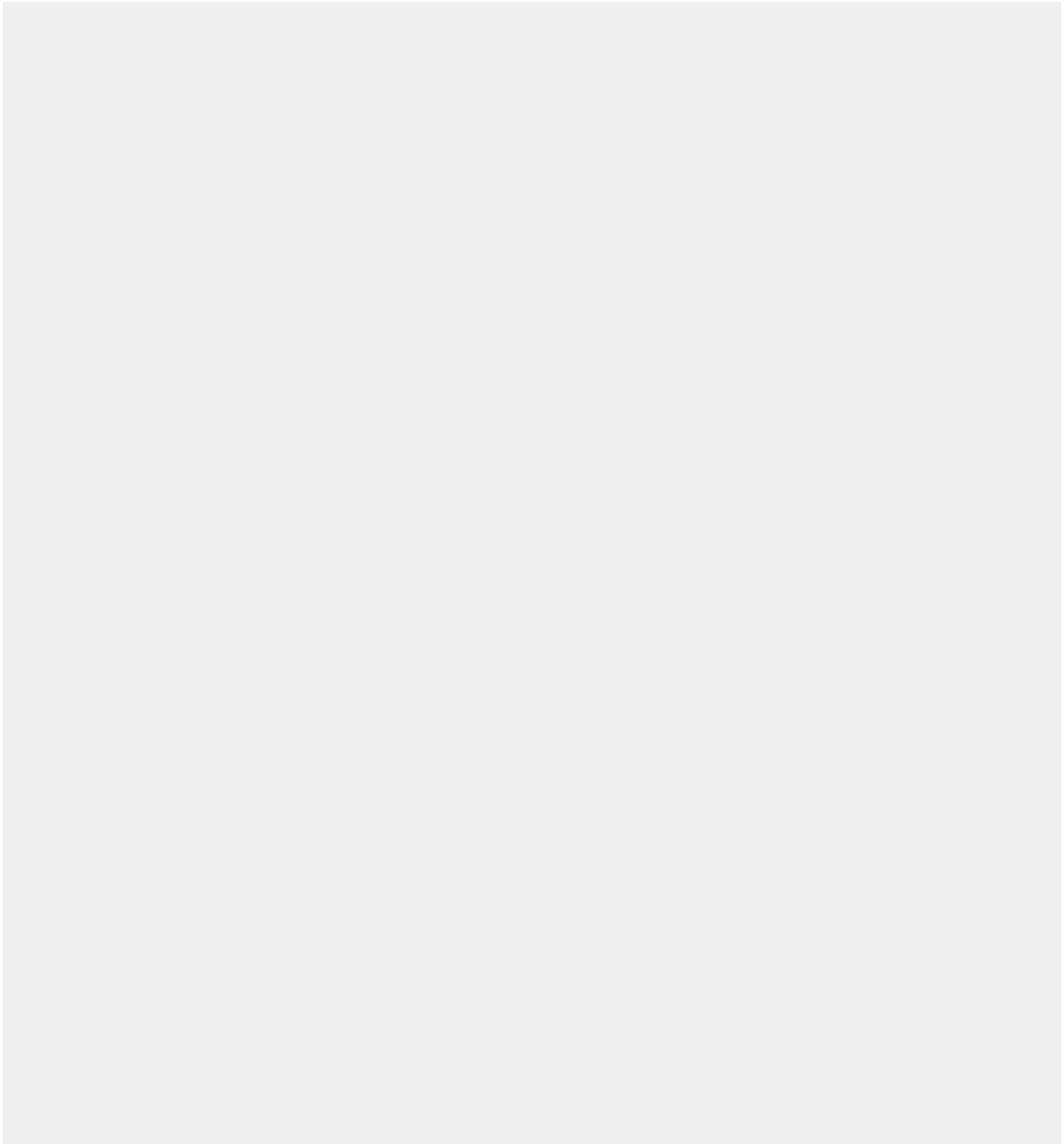
Baujahr

Nationaldenkmal

Zweiter Weltkrieg

Architekt

Lieblingsaspekt



H. Zum KaDeWe. Head to a **Touristeninfo** station at Berlin Hauptbahnhof and ask about KaDeWe, Europe's second largest department store. Type or say **Touristeninfo** first. Then ask away. In German, of course.



When is KaDeWe open?

How do I get from the central station to KaDeWe?

I. Integration. Meet **Mila** and her friends from Macedonia who live in Hamburg but are currently visiting Berlin to record a movie for their DaF⁸ class. Ask them about multicultural life in Berlin, integration and about learning the German language. Type or say **Mila** first. Then ask about any topic below and summarize her response.

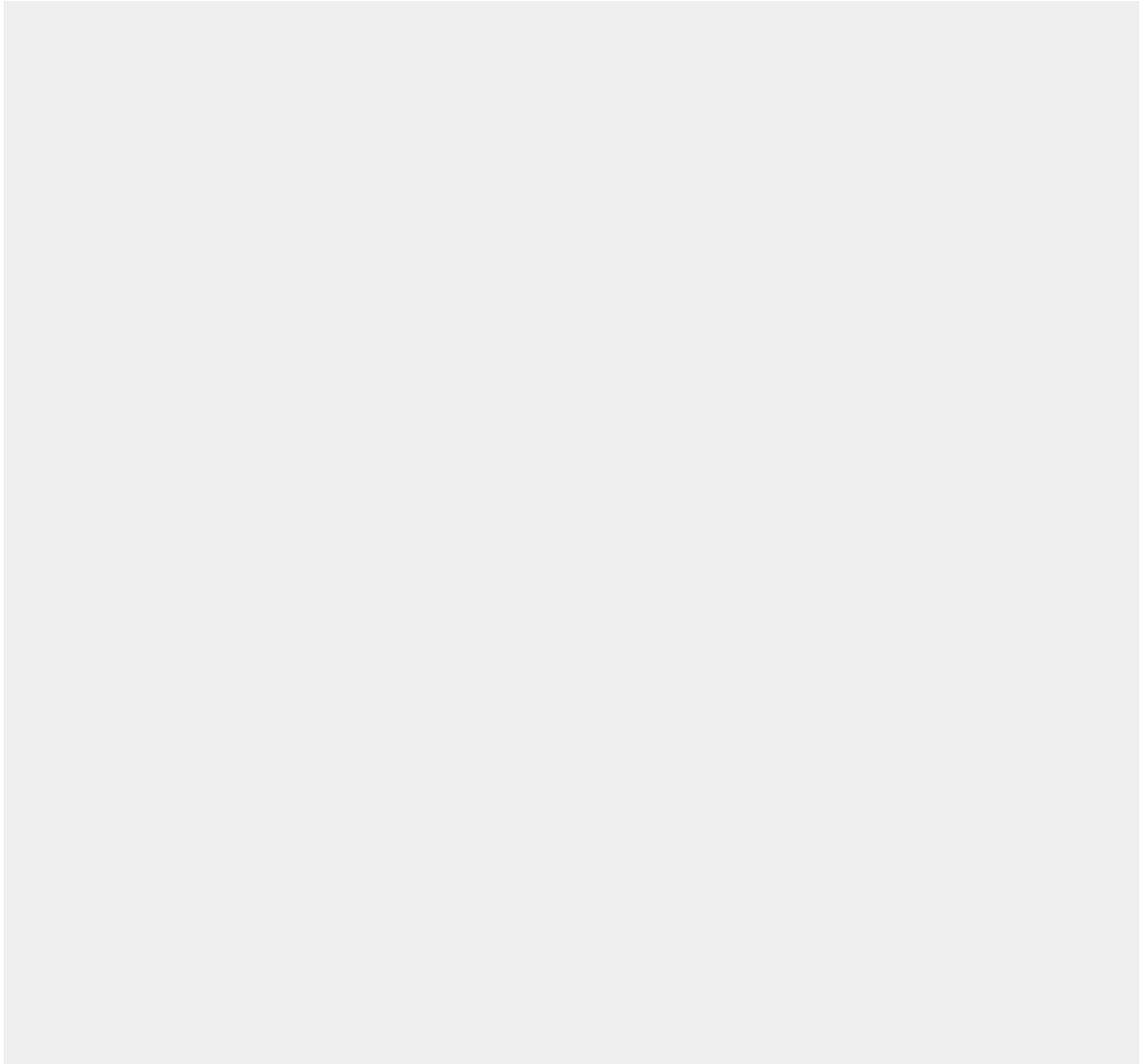
Sprache lernen

Multikulti

Deutsche Sprichwörter⁹

Nonverbale Kommunikation

Hochdeutsch oder Umgangssprache¹⁰



⁸ Abbreviation for Deutsch als Fremdsprache (German as a foreign language).

⁹ German proverbs.

¹⁰ Colloquial speech.

J. Auf der Straße. Rainer has recently moved to Berlin where he is currently living in the streets. Ask him where he is from, why he is here and what he thinks about this city and cities in other German regions. Type or say **Rainer** first. Then ask away. In German, of course.

Where are you from?

Why did you come to Berlin?

What was your hometown like?

What was your life like before Berlin?

Do you know Cologne?

Do you know Munich?

Thank you!

K. Ich und die Anderen. Ask **Frank** about Berlin in the East and how it is different from Munich in the South. Type or say **Frank** first. Then ask away. In German, of course.



Do you find Berlin beautiful or ugly?

What do you think about Munich?

Have you been to the North Sea or Baltic Sea?

What do you think about Cologne?

L. Bevor du gehst: More cultural explorations. Before you leave: have you done this?

- Did you watch the sunrise over Berlin's cityscape (**Sonnenaufgang**)?
- Did you take a tour (**Bootstour**) on the Spree?
- Did you take a ride on Berlin's **S-Bahn**?
- Did you listen to one of Berlin's traditional organ grinders (**Leierkastenmann**)?