

Deutsch Year 3 Unit 8: Der Körper (The body)

Körperteile (body parts)

		
die Hand (Pl Hände)	die Nase	das Auge (Pl Augen)
		
Das Ohr (Pl Ohren)	der Finger (Pl Finger)	Der Arm (Pl Arme)
		
Der Fuß	das Knie (Pl Knie)	der Mund
		
die Schulte (Pl Schultern)	der Zeh (Pl Zehe)	der Kopf

Körperteile (body parts)

		
der Rücken	der Bauch	der Po
		
der Ellbogen (Pl Ellbogen)	der Hals	das Bein (Pl Beine)

Key phrases

Der (Kopf) ist hier.	It (the head) is here.
Die (Hände) sind hier.	They (the hands) are here.
Ich drücke dir die Daumen.	I'll press my thumbs for you.



Cultural Aspect

If you want to show someone that you're hoping for good luck in English speaking countries, all you need to do is cross your fingers.

But in Germany this gesture won't work, in fact, you might get a few strange looks if you cross your fingers for someone. That's because there's a completely different idiom and hand gesture to go with it when you're hoping for the best for someone. Instead of crossing their fingers, Germans press their thumbs.

So rather than telling someone that you're crossing your fingers for them, you would say: "Ich drücke dir die Daumen." This translates literally as: "I'll press my thumbs for you" but means "I'll keep my fingers crossed for you." Not always, but sometimes this saying is accompanied with a hand gesture where you press the thumb down into the palm of the hand and wrap all your fingers around it, making a fist round your thumb.