

Deutsch Year 5 Unit 3: In der Schulkantine (in the school canteen)

(das) Essen—Food

		
die Schulkantine	Spaghetti	Nudeln
		
der Pudding	das Wasser	die Petersilie
		
Kekse	das Blatt / die Blätter	der Topf/Töpfe
		
Krümel	der Müll	

Key phrases

Was gibt es heute?	What is there today?
Wie schmeckt's?	What does that taste like?
süß / zu süß	sweet / too sweet
lecker	tasty/delicious
der Tischspruch	table saying
das Hauptgericht	main course
Am liebsten mag ich	I like best (of all)
Am Montag gibt es Spaghetti.	On Monday there is spaghetti.
Am Montag esse ich Fisch und Pommes.	On Monday I eat fish and chips.
Wie schmeckt das?	How does that taste?

Other words you might need...

der Nachtisch	dessert
vegetarisch	vegetarian
der Allesfresser	omnivore
ein Veganer/eine Veganerin	a vegan
Blätter von Eichen	leaves from oak trees

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Cultural Aspect—Kaffee und Kuchen

The tradition of *'Kaffee und Kuchen'* is a long-standing one in Germany. It is a great excuse to get together with friends and family and to catch up over a cup of coffee and a delicious piece of German cake. The traditional time for this is on a Sunday afternoon. German bakeries and cafés have an impressive selection of different cakes, including *Schwarzwälderkirchtorte*, *Gugelhupf* and *Obsttorte*. Nowadays the choice of hot drink is just as likely to be tea (but with lemon, not milk) as coffee.



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Cultural Aspect—Tischsprüche

Discuss the tradition of wishing others an enjoyable meal before you start eating. The children may be able to come up with 'Bon Appétit' in France and some might even know that it is 'Guten Appetit' in Germany.

A lot of German families also have favourite 'Tischsprüche' or table sayings, things that they say before a meal as well as 'Guten Appetit', or as an alternative.

Here is an example:

1. Auf der Straße sitzt ein Hase, pfeift ein Lied, guten Appetit!

A hare is sitting on the road whistling a tune, have a good meal!

Other words you might need...

von Buchen	from beech trees
von Birken	from birch trees
von Ebereschen	from mountain ash trees
von Nussbäumen	from nut trees
Pappel	poplar trees
Essenreste	leftovers / leftover food
süße Sachen	sweet things

Grammar Focus—Word Order

The **verb** is always the **second idea** in the sentence. The first idea can be a personal pronoun or in the case of sentence number 2, a time phrase, which means that the personal pronoun swaps from position 1 to position 3.

Am Montag gibt es Spaghetti.