

Deutsch Year 5 Unit 4: Im Schulgarten (in the school garden)

Key vocabulary—School garden

		
<i>der Schulgarten</i>	<i>die Gießkanne</i>	<i>der Baum</i>
		
<i>der Busch</i>	<i>die Blume</i>	<i>das Blatt</i>
		
<i>der Rasen</i>	<i>die Spinne</i>	<i>das Spinnennetz</i>
		
<i>die Hängematte</i>	<i>der Teich</i>	<i>der Wald</i>

Common contractions

<i>an+ dem</i>	= <i>am</i>
<i>in+ dem</i>	= <i>im</i>
<i>in+ das</i>	= <i>ins</i>

Insekten (insects)

das Gras	grass
die Antenne	antenna
das Außenskelett	exoskeleton
der Flügel	wing
ein drei teiliger Körper	A three part body
der Kopf	Head
der Brustteil	Thorax
der Hinterleib	Abdomen
das Komplexauge(n)	compoundeye(s)
die Biene(n)	Bee
der Käfer(-)	Bettle, bug
die Ameise(n)	Ant
die Fliege(n)	fly

Key verbs (in their infinitive)

liegen	To lie/to belying
ertrinken	To drown
fallen	To fall
krabbeln	To crawl

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Mixed Prepositions

auf	On
in	In / into
neben	Next to/beside
unter	Under
zwischen	between
an	On (vertical) / at / to
hinter	Behind
über	Over/above
vor	In front of

Prepositions with Dativ

aus	From/ out of
bei	At, at the house of
gegenüber	Opposite
mit	With
nach	To / after/ past
seit	Since/for
zu	to

Prepositions with Accusative

bis	Until
durch	Through
entlang	Along
um	Around / for / at
für	For
gegen	Against
ohne	Without

Mixed prepositions— dative or accusative?

The decision about whether to use dative or accusative for the article depends on whether the verb which it relates to is to do with movement.

If the verb involves movement, then accusative is used.

If the verb does not involve physical movement, then the dative case is used.

Cultural Aspect— Die Biene Maja

Maja is the main character in *The Adventures of Maya the Bee*, a German book written by Waldemar Bonsels and published in 1912. The book has been published in many other languages and adapted into different media.

The stories revolve around a little bee named Maya and her friends Willy the bee, Flip the grasshopper (referred to as "Maja", "Willi" and "Philip" respectively in some versions), Mrs. Cassandra (Maya's teacher), and many other insects and other creatures. The book depicts Maya's development from an adventurous youngster to a responsible adult member of bee society.

Die Biene Maja has been turned into a German cartoon series. Search for it on You Tube!

Zum Beispiel

Kai sitzt hinter dem Baum. Kai sitzt hinter der Blume. Kai sitzt hinter dem Blatt.

Kai fliegt hinter den Baum. Kai fliegt hinter die Blume. Kai fliegt hinter das Blatt.

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
NOMINATIVE CASE	der	die	das
ACCUSATIVE CASE	den	die	das
DATIVE CASE	dem	der	dem

	<i>der Baum</i>	<i>die Blume</i>	<i>das Blatt</i>
Dative	<i>dem</i>	<i>der</i>	<i>dem</i>
Accusative	<i>den</i>	<i>die</i>	<i>das</i>