

COGNATES are words that are **SIMILAR** in 2 languages. Make your best guess for the **ENGLISH** word based on the German word. Not all the words have text boxes to fill in. Fill in the 25 I have made.

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German Cognates

You already know many German words. Some German words are spelled exactly like English words and have the same meanings: **Ball**, **Name**, **Hand**, **Sofa**, **warm**, **wild**. Many other German words are spelled almost like English words, differing only in one or two letters: **Amerika**, **Fisch**, **Kaffee**, **Prinz**. In these words and many others, English hard *c* becomes German *k*, English *sh* becomes German *sch*, and English soft *c* becomes German *z*. Some other German cognates have two dots — called Umlaut — over the vowels *a*, *o*, and *u*. This Umlaut changes the pronunciation of the vowel: **Bäcker** = *baker*, **Öl** = *oil*, **grün** = *green*.

How many of the following German words can you understand? Fill the blanks with their English meanings. If you need to, you may look in a dictionary:

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| 1. Amerika | _____ | 11. Eisberg | _____ |
| 2. Appetit | _____ | 12. elegant | _____ |
| 3. Armee | _____ | 13. Ende | _____ |
| 4. Asche | _____ | 14. Energie | _____ |
| 5. Bäcker | _____ | 15. Familie | _____ |
| 6. Banane | _____ | 16. Fingernagel | _____ |
| 7. blond | _____ | 17. Fisch | _____ |
| 8. braun | _____ | 18. Garten | _____ |
| 9. Busch | _____ | 19. Gras | _____ |
| 10. Diamant | _____ | 20. Haar | _____ |

21. Haus _____
22. hundert _____
23. Ingenieur _____
24. Insekt _____
25. Januar _____
26. Juli _____
27. Juni _____
28. jung _____
29. Kaffee _____
30. Klasse _____
31. Konzert _____
32. Korn _____
33. Krokodil _____
34. Lampe _____
35. laut _____
36. Lippe _____
37. Mai _____
38. Mann _____
39. Maschine _____
40. Mathematik _____
41. Maus _____
42. Milch _____
43. Musik _____

44. Nummer _____
45. Offizier _____
46. Polizei _____
47. Prinz _____
48. rund _____
49. Schuh _____
50. Spanisch _____

