Yabla German Video Immersion -- The authentic way to learn German

An overview as an example of a video at the intermediate level is at:

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Other free videos are:

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Märchen - Sagenhaft - Die drei kleinen Schweinchen intermediate

https://german.yabla.com/player\_cdn.php?id=6206&tlang\_id=en

Konjugation - Das Verb "haben" intermediate

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#### Culcha Candela - Schöne Neue Welt advanced

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## Why Yabla?

Authentic German

Videos are 100% native speakers, speaking in real German.

Subtitles: All videos are subtitled and translated. Captions make it easy to follow along if you get lost.

Slow Play: Click the slow button at any time to slow down the audio.

Integrated Dictionaries: Click any word to see a definition, and save to your

flashcard list.

Listening Game: Test your skills with a fill in the blank listening game. Press "play game" to start the interactive listening game

Entertaining Content: We have a wide variety of programming to keep you coming back for more.

Control the Playback: Navigate the video phrase by phrase. It always rewinds to the right spot. Phrase Repeat (Back button single click: repeats caption) (Back button multiple clicks: rewinds)

Flashcards: The words that you don't know are automatically saved to a personalized word list so you can study them later.

## Just \$9.95 per month.

Unlimited access to our growing library of 1050+ videos for less than the cost of a 15 minute lesson.

## **Keyboard Shortcuts**

back: ← skip: → slow: ↓ loop: ↑

play/pause: space hide/show transcript: , hide/show translation: .

## **About.com Rating**

Yabla German is one of those German educational sites that perhaps people don't initially try, because it costs money to do so. If you are one of those people, then you are missing out on a valuable German resource.

Yabla is an online video magazine that provides authentic German videos for German learners on their website german.yabla.com. To date they have over 400 videos in over twenty categories, ranging from interviews to music videos.

Many of these videos are clips from Rheinmainztv, lasting on average three to four minutes. Other sources include as well their own video productions that deal primarily with German grammar and language.

## **Membership Features**

As a member of Yabla German you get the following: **Access to all their videos.** 

They introduce several new videos a week and highlight their recommendations at the top of the page. Selection of videos is quick and easy, due to yabla.com'sanization and video description details. These descriptions include the difficulty level (rated out of five), the region or country the video is from, and any accents or dialects to be aware of (such as Swiss German.) But here comes the best part: Run simultaneously during the video is the transcript of the text plus an English translation. You also have the option of turning off the English caption if you don't want it. Further, all videos have a repeat and a pitch-perfect slow button, which sounds clear and not distorted.

## Vocabulary Review

The vocabulary review and learning takes place in many forms. First there is the word definition feature. By the click of a word, you are linked immediately to the definitions of that word from several online dictionaries, including Babylon, das Eichborn Wirtschaftswörterbuch and das Handwörterbuch. Second, you can play an interactive listening game that reviews vocabulary of the video. And third there is a flashcard feature. Basically any word that you click on during the video is saved as a digital flashcard. You then have the choice - as you would with a regular paper flashcard - of either remembering the definition of the word and verifying the answer or checking right away for its definition.

#### A Valuable Tool in The Classroom

For teachers, Yabla German is a no-fuss, easy to prepare and versatile teaching tool. All students love watching authentic language videos in class and having all these extra features that Yabla provides, enables you to taylor your lesson to your own students' specific needs. For instance, let's say you are discussing about German Christmas traditions in your class. You can show your class Yabla's own production of 'Diane - am Weihnachtsmarkt - Part 1.' Then you could proceed in several different ways: you could replay the video at slow speed, pause the video to analyze the German text, create an instant word list with the aid of the flashcard feature, etc. Plus, if your students get a group membership, you can assign them homework and lab assignments. Teachers can monitor their students' progress by checking how many points they have earned with the video

review game.

Several universities and schools are Yabla members and according to one school's testimonial, yabla.com has proven to be exactly what they claim to be - a fun, engaging and informative resource. To read more information about group memberships see <a href="schoolsubscription">schoolsubscription</a>.

#### Pros

From what I've seen on yabla.com, I highly recommend this resource. It is really unique from other online learning resources in several ways:

The vast variety of authentic videos.

Videos for all levels of German.

Fabulous video viewing and learning features.

Plenty of music videos to chose from - great for high school students who want to learn more about what's trendy and hip in today's German music scene.

Reasonable prices.

#### Cons

Nothing is perfect, so yes, here are a few things that I find are missing in Yabla.com:

More rudimentary beginner videos are needed.

Yabla.com is geared more towards learners from high school and up. I think more German cartoons would make a welcome addition for younger learners.

Some music videos have mature content matter, which may not be suitable in certain classrooms. However, yabla.com states that they can streamline your subscription account to omit these types of videos.

#### The Bottom Line

I feel that the cons I just mentioned are really just minor, therefore I give Yabla German four and half stars out of five. Further, Yabla German regularly keeps on adding more videos and is thereby continually expanding their repertoire. I think it can only get better.

The best thing to do if you're still not sure about this online resource is to check out their demo videos, which gives you a good inside peek of what

Yabla German is all about.

I have yet to hear from anybody who says they do not like this online video magazine.

## Visit Their Website

Another source of resources to learn German is:

german.about.com e.g

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