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[RheinMain Szene](#) reporter Raudy is out and about again to find out where Frankfurt residents like to hang out on Friday nights. There is an open space called Friedberger Platz where people sit on blankets and enjoy wine and beer till late

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The Friedberger Platz is a happening place in Frankfurt and, other than a few minor glitches, even a pleasure for the restaurant owners whose establishments are busy every Friday evening.

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Yabla German Lesson

2 way preps

Most commonly spoken German prepositions take the [accusative](#) or [dative](#) case (the [genitive](#) case is used more often in the written form). Some prepositions, such as *bis*, *durch*, *für*, *gegen*, *je*, *ohne*, *um* and *wider*, take only the accusative case. Others, like *aus*, *außer*, *bei*, *gegenüber*, *mit*, *nach*, *seit*, *von* and *zu*, take only the dative case.

There are, however, certain prepositions that can take either the accusative or the dative case, depending on the context: *an*, *auf*, *hinter*, *in*, *neben*, *über*, *unter*, *vor* and *zwischen*. Even experienced German speakers can get it wrong sometimes, so although you've probably learned this before, this may be a good time to review these two-way (or dual) prepositions.

The general rule to remember: if the preposition is dealing with "where" something is in a static sense, it takes the dative case; if it is dealing with motion or destination ("where to" or "what about") in an active sense, then it takes the accusative case.

Der Spiegel hängt an der Wand.

The mirror is hanging on the wall.

Caption 34, [Deutschkurs in Tübingen: Mehr Wechselpräpositionen](#)

Since the wall is where the mirror is statically hanging, the feminine noun die Wand takes the dative case in this context.

Sie gehen an die Arbeit wieder.

They're going to work again.

Caption 29, [Der Struwwelpeter: Hans Guck-in-die-Luft](#)

Since work is where they are actively going to, the feminine noun die Arbeit takes the accusative case. Note that the word wieder above has an unusual placement in the sentence; this is because it is part of an old-fashioned poem and needed to rhyme!

Wie war das Konzert auf dem Mond?

How was the concert on the moon?

Caption 8, [Undertube: Peer erzählt einen Witz](#)

Since where they statically are is on the moon, the masculine noun der Mond takes the dative case.

Wir gehen auf die Straßen.

We're going on the streets.

Caption 34, Blumio, [Rappen für gute Unterhaltung](#)

Since their destination is actively towards the streets, the plural feminine noun die Straßen takes the accusative case.

Further Learning

Look on [Yabla German](#) for other examples of the two-way prepositions an, auf, hinter, in, neben, über, unter, vor and zwischen and discover the different contexts in which they take the dative or the accusative case.

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Another Lesson—Wenn

If Wishes Were Horses and When Pigs Fly - Wenn

English speakers learning the word wenn for the first time often find the parallels to “when” helpful at first. But wenn can also mean "if." For example, a German child pleading for something and promising to be good in return can expect to hear:

Wenn das Wörtchen wenn nicht wär, wär mein Vater Millionär.

If the word "if" did not exist, my father would be a millionaire.

This is comparable to the English expression "If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride" and can be translated more idiomatically as "When pigs fly."

While the uses of wenn in German are varied, it is most commonly used in such simple cases as:

Ich habe kein Geld, wenn ich Dinge einkaufe.

I have no money if I shop for things.

Caption 40, Deutschkurs in Tübingen: Die Konjunktion "wenn"

The German use of wenn... dann is also parallel to the English "if... then." We see this in Auftrumpfen: Mit Kitsch und Protz:

aber auch wenn die Zeit noch 'n bisschen schwierig ist,
dann nimmt man sich gern zu Hause 'n bisschen
Ablenkung davon..

but even if times are still a bit tough,
then it is nice to have a bit of distraction from that at
home...

Captions 7 and 8, Auftrumpfen: Mit Kitsch und Protz

Sometimes wenn really does mean "when":

und der, wenn er wild wird, uns Sand in die Augen
weht

and the one that, when it becomes wild, blows sand into
our eyes

Caption 17, Piggeldy und Frederick: Der Wind

So now you see that that Wenn das Wörtchen wenn
nicht wär, there would be quite a few things you'd have
trouble expressing!

Staff Favorites

Auftrumpfen: Mit Kitsch und Protz

Flaunting, not scrounging is the order of the day: at the
consumer goods trade fair Tendence it's all about the
careful "blending." This is what the customers want, at
least according to designers who introduce ever more
pseudo-luxury goods. Copyright dpa

Piggeldy und Frederick: Der Wind

Who would not want a big brother to answer all possi-
ble questions? Piggeldy has such a brother. He wants to

know a great deal of Frederick. In this episode, Frederick explains what wind is.

Also available as an [app](#)

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Learning Tip

When going through your videos, pay particular attention to a specific aspect of the language, such as a tense, a part of speech (such as the wenn above) or a tricky bit of vocabulary. And then reward yourself by watching one of the fun episodes to allow your mind to process.

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For a German language test, students have to conjugate verbs in the present tense, past tense and present perfect.



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Konjunktionen - Part 1](#)

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In this first part of this unit on conjunctions, you will find out which words belong to this group. Also, with the help of the conjunction "weil" ['because'], you will learn how to correctly use them. Listen in, learn and "viel Vergnügen beim Deutschlernen!"



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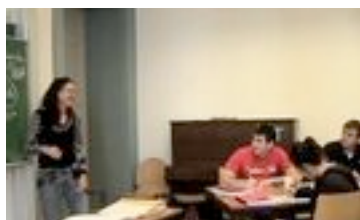
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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Konjunktionen - Part 2

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In this second part of the teaching unit on conjunctions, you will hear more examples using the conjunction “weil” ['because'] in the present and present perfect tenses. Take what you learn here and try to formulate some of your own sentences! "Viel Glück beim Lernen!"



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Konjunktionen - Part 3

Difficulty:  **Germany**

In this last part of the series on conjunctions, language students in Tübingen have to create sentences using the conjunction “weil” ['because'] in the present perfect and with modal verbs. "Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!"



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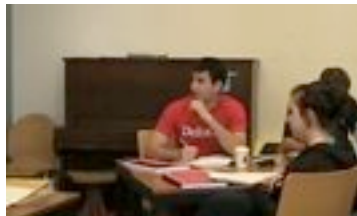
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This Yabla clip focuses on the German conjunction "obwohl" [although]. With lots of example sentences, everyone is sure to get the hang of it!



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Weil oder obwohl - Part 1

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Join our German class in Tübingen again! They are practicing the conjunctions "because" and "although" today, with lots of example sentences for you to practice!



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Weil oder obwohl - Part 2

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In this second part, the students of our German class in Tübingen share how they spent their weekend before continuing to practice the conjunctions "because" and "although."



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Practice makes perfect — so keep practicing together with the students from the German class in Tübingen, and you are sure to get "weil" and "obwohl" right! Now if only Nick can find the right page in the lesson book...



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Weil oder obwohl - Part 4

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Join our German class in Tübingen for the last part of their lesson on the usage of the conjunctions "because" and "although"! Because after so much practice, although it wasn't easy, it probably comes more naturally now.



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Die Konjunktion "wenn"

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Practice another conjunction with the students in Tübingen. This time they are learning the correct use of "when/if" ...



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Haupt- und Nebensatz

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Today the German students learn how to switch main and dependent clause around using the conjunctions "when/if," "because" and "although." Watch out how the positions of the verb and the subject change!



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Nebensätze als Satzanfang](#)

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The students of the German class focus on starting a sentence with a dependent clause in this clip. Many example sentences make grasping this part of the German language fun and easy.



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Die Konjunktion "dass" - Part 1](#)

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In this clip, the German instructor elicits examples given by students. Watch, listen and learn as they practice the conjunction "dass" ['that'] in this intimate classroom setting. "Viel Spaß!"



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Die Konjunktion "dass" - Part 2](#)

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In this second video clip on the conjunction "dass" ["that"], the German instructor once again offers helpful guidance as her students continue practicing and drilling. Remember: "Übung macht den Meister!"



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Die Konjunktion "dass" - Part 3](#)

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In this third and final video clip on the conjunction "dass" ['that'], the German instructor gives her students guidance with numerous examples.



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Beispiele mit "wenn"

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Do you get confused when trying to apply the conjunction "when/if" in German? Well, this clip offers many example sentences practicing exactly that!



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Another grammar lesson: In this helpful clip you get a quick introduction to German prepositions.



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Wechselpräpositionen](#)

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Two-way prepositions can take either the accusative or the dative case. However, in this video Barbara focuses on position and the question of "where." Her classroom demonstrations help her students understand the dative case. *Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!*"



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Barbara has come up with a little game so her students can practice their two-way prepositions. *Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!*



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[Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Wechselpräpositionen lernen mit Malspiel](#)

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In order to help her students practice using two-way prepositions, Barbara has come up with a fun and engaging activity. This time she has her students drawing classroom objects. *Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!*



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Präpositionen und Artikel

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Barbara gives her students different sentences, which require them to add missing articles and prepositions. The examples clarify how important it is to know the correct articles.



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Deutschkurs in Tübingen - Artikel

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The German articles "der", "die" and "das" cause many people quite a headache. Although there are helpful rules for some nouns - e.g. all words ending with "-heit", "-keit" or "-ung" are feminine - but in most cases you have to learn the articles by heart. In this clip, that's why Barbara's helping her students practice using the correct articles with various nouns. *Viel Spaß!*