

# Get to Know Germany

## COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK



Germany's states  
Deutschlands Bundesländer



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*Thank you for your interest in Germany!*

The German Embassy created this coloring and activity book about Germany just for you.

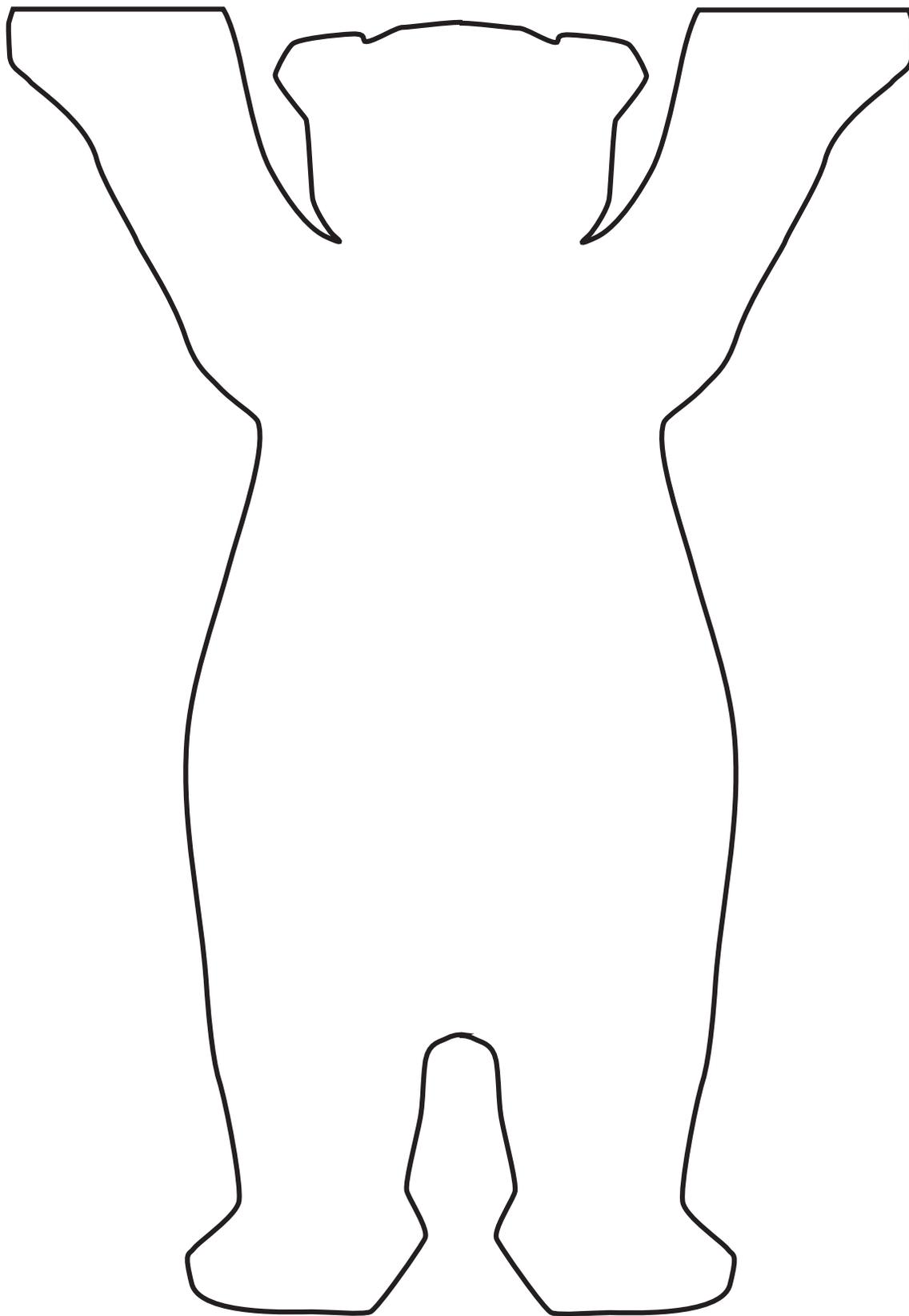
Before we start, we would like to introduce you to a beloved symbol: the Berlin Buddy Bear. These colorful and cheery ambassador bears promote friendship and tolerance wherever they go. The Buddy Bear you see on the front cover resides in the garden of the German Ambassador in Washington, DC.



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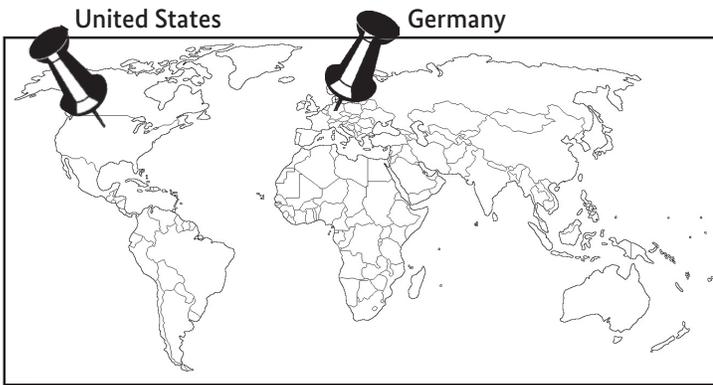
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*Color your own Buddy Bear*  
*Male deinen eigenen Buddy Bär*



# Germany in the European Union

## Deutschland in der Europäischen Union



Germany and America  
Deutschland und Amerika



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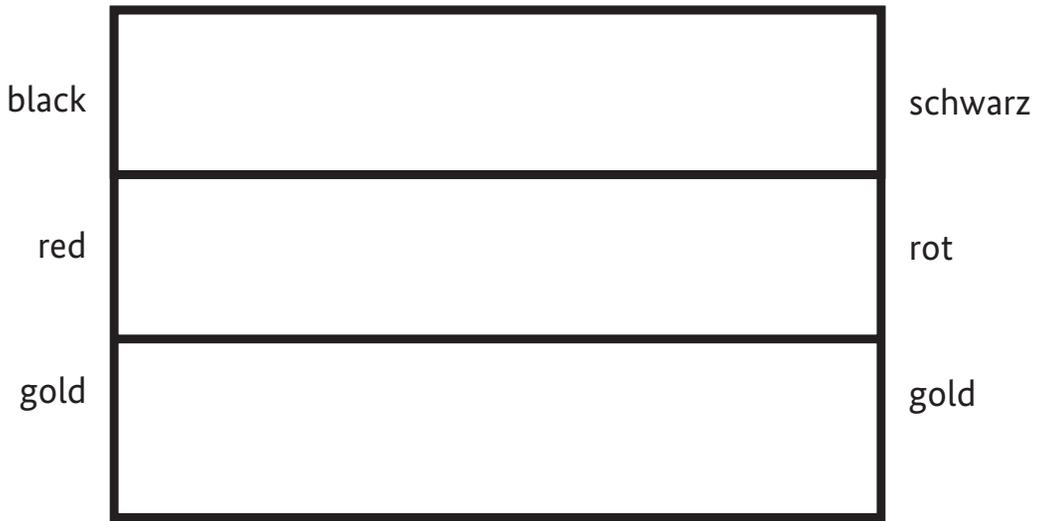
# Germany's states

## Deutschlands Bundesländer



*Germany at a Glance*  
*Deutschland auf einen Blick*

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German flag



Emblem: the eagle

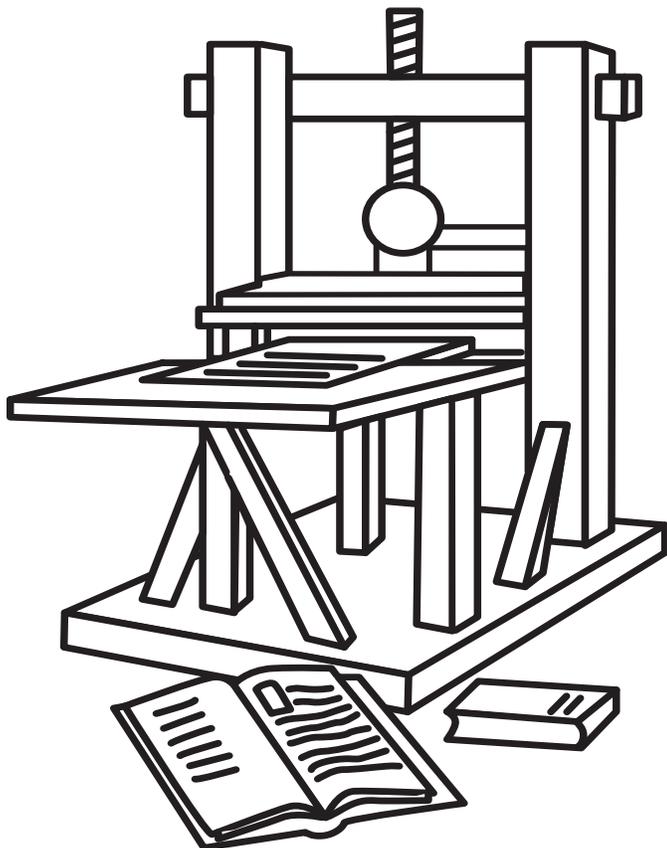


Currency: Euro



Symbol of Berlin, Germany's capital.  
The crown is gold, the bear is black  
and his claws and tongue are red

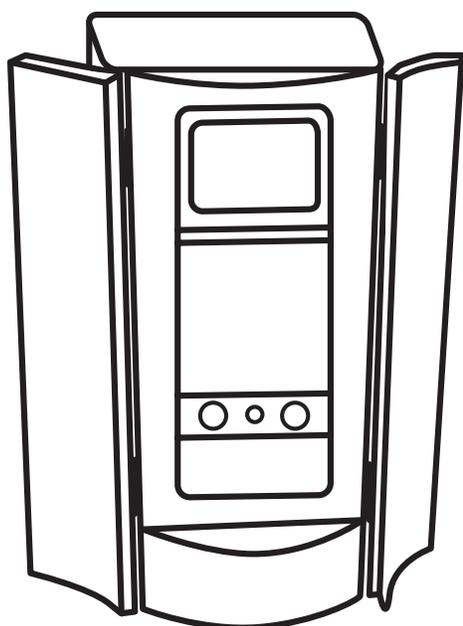
*Made in Germany*  
*In Deutschland erfunden*



Moveable type printing press:  
Johannes Gutenberg invented the  
moveable type printing press in 1452.  
The first book printed was the Bible.  
Only 21 complete Gutenberg Bibles exist.



Aspirin:  
Felix Hoffmann, a  
chemist at the company  
known today as Bayer,  
synthesized Aspirin™  
in 1897. Today it is one  
of the best known pain  
relievers in the world.



First TV broadcast:  
On Christmas Eve 1930,  
Manfred von Ardenne  
succeeded in the first  
electrical television broadcast.



MP3:  
In 1995 a team at the Fraunhofer Institut  
under Karlheinz Brandenburg invented the  
audio compression method for the MP3.

# German alphabet

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## Deutsches Alphabet

These are the German letters:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Ä Ö Ü ß

There are a few more letters than there are in the English alphabet. Three letters use an “Umlaut,” marked by two small dots above the letter. One letter looks like a “b,” but is an “Ess-tsett,” a very sharp “s” sound.

Try writing these German words:

Straße (street)

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Mädchen (girl)

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Löffel (spoon)

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Bücher (books)

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Käse (cheese)

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Fußball (soccer)

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über (over, above)

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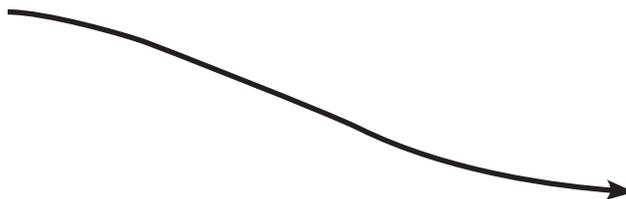
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*Similar words*  
*Ähnliche Wörter*

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Can you correctly match the German words with the corresponding English words?

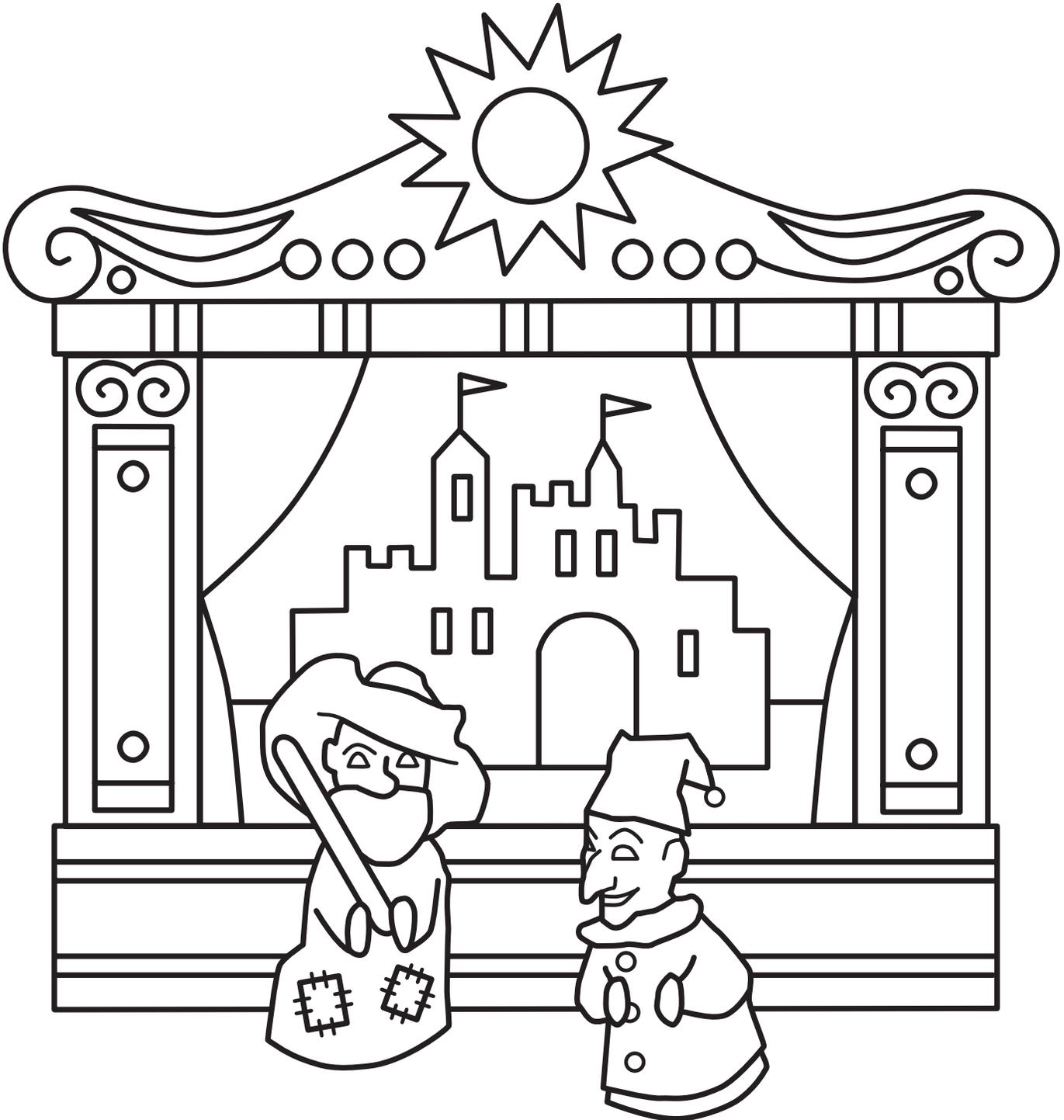
Mutter	bread
Vater	house
Schwester	winter
Bruder	father
Haus	chocolate
Sommer	milk
Winter	sister
Sonne	pretzel
Schnee	summer
Schuh	brother
Wasser	snow
Brot	shoe
Milch	water
Brezel	mother
Schokolade	sun



# Puppet Shows

## Kasperletheater

Traditional puppet shows, complete with elaborate wooden theaters and painted puppets, are loved by children across Germany. This tradition of puppet theater has been passed down for generations and continues to be a favorite childhood activity that children share with their parents.



# Castles from long ago

## Alte Burgen

Many people are fascinated by the different types of castles in Germany. Some are large, have towers and their own entrance, while others are smaller and less grand. Neuschwanstein Castle is one of the most well-visited castles in Germany. Burg Eltz is pictured below.



## Well-loved fairy tales

### Bekannte Märchen

Germany is the land of fairy tales! You can trace the steps of the famous Brothers Grimm along the “Fairy Tale Road,” which stretches from Hanau to Bremen. Along the way there are small towns with castles and cottages which inspired the stories that are famous among children all over the world. Do you recognize the story illustrated below?

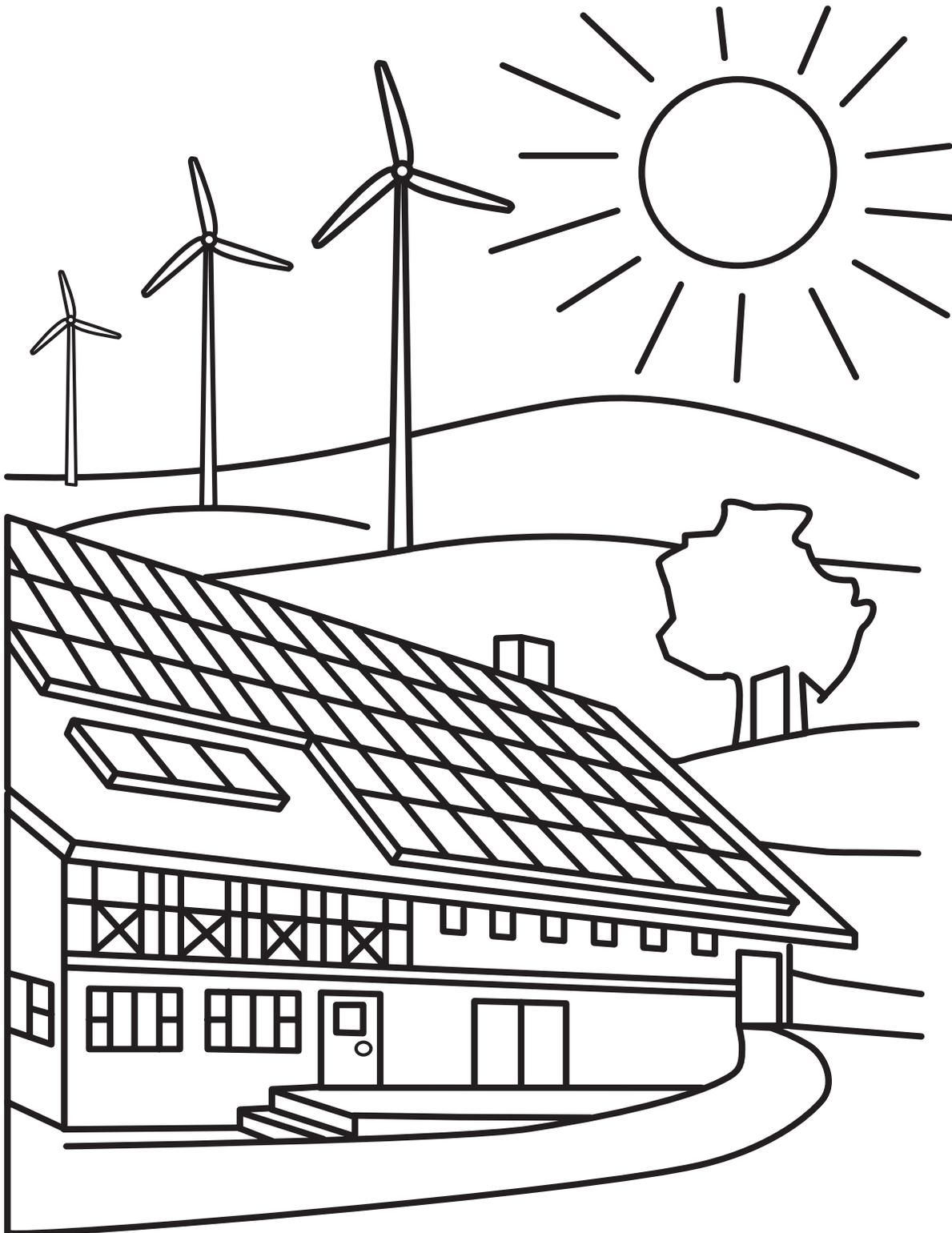


# Renewable Energy

## Erneuerbare Energien

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Wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources are used all over Germany. Renewable energy, along with recycling and other policies, are all part of Germany's answer to a sustainable future.



# Soccer

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## Fußball

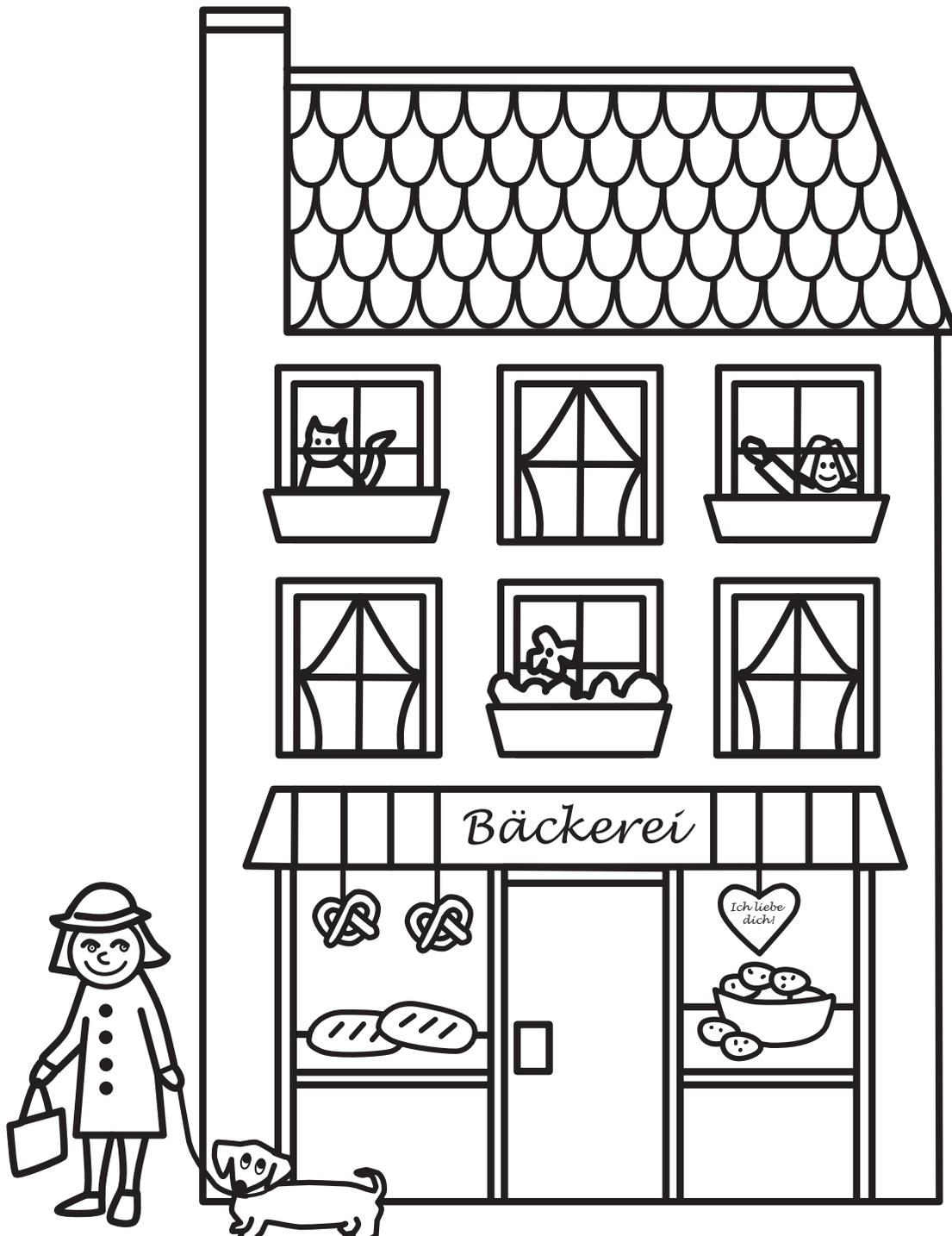
Soccer is the most popular sport in Germany. The men's and women's national teams are household names. The German professional soccer league Bundesliga has men's and women's divisions. German teams have won a total of six World Cup titles: the men's team won four, the women's team won two. During the soccer season millions of fans around Germany cheer on their favorite teams.



# The Bakery

## Die Bäckerei

German bakeries are well-known for their large selection of baked goods. Many people buy freshly-baked bread, rolls, and cakes there every day. Some choose their favorite Brötchen (roll) in the morning. Others enjoy a piece of their favorite cake during an afternoon break. You will always find something yummy at your local Bäckerei.



*World-famous sites*  
*Weltberühmte Ansichten*

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Germany has many famous places that millions of people visit each year. The Church of Our Lady, or Frauenkirche, in Dresden was built in the 1700s and was destroyed during the Second World War. In 2005 it was restored to its former glory.

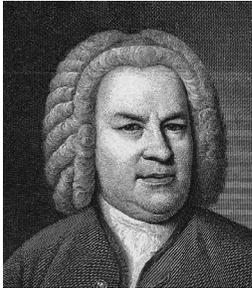
Church of Our Lady  
(Frauenkirche), Dresden



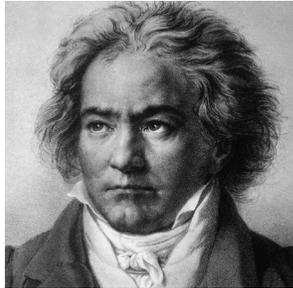
# Famous composers

## Berühmte Komponisten

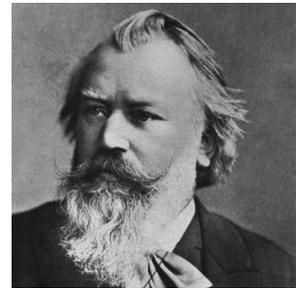
Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms are just three of the many famous composers from Germany. They produced some of the most well-known musical pieces in the world. Music continues to be a great German tradition and many children start learning instruments at a young age.



Johann Sebastian Bach  
1685-1750



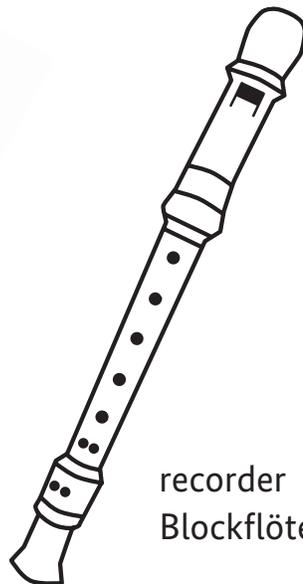
Ludwig van Beethoven  
1770-1827



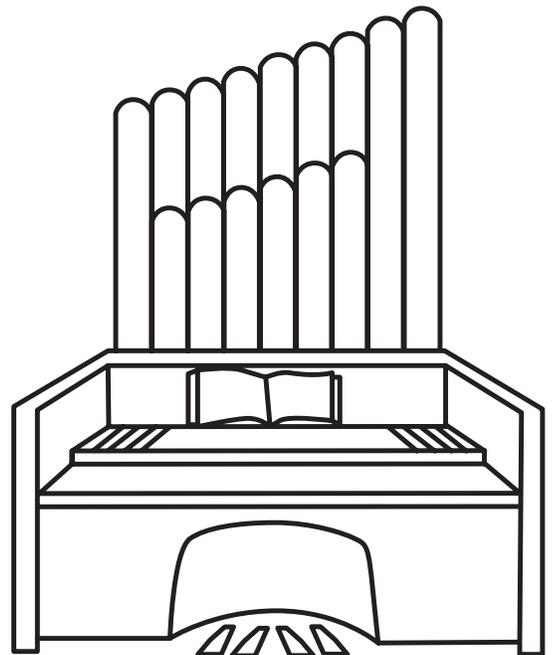
Johannes Brahms  
1833-1897



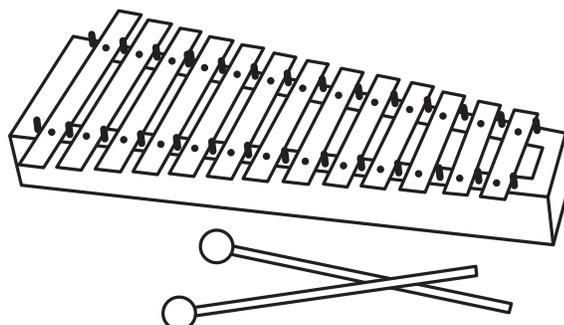
violin  
Geige



recorder  
Blockflöte



organ  
Orgel



xylophone  
Glockenspiel

*Merry Christmas!*  
*Fröhliche Weihnachten!*

Weihnachten (Christmas) is one of the biggest holidays in Germany. The season begins with Advent and the opening of the famous Christmas Markets in cities around the country. People come from all over the world to visit the markets and buy everything from nutcrackers to Lebkuchen for their loved ones. On Christmas Eve presents are exchanged and opened. The Christmas celebration continues over the next two days with families and friends.



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