



Transcript English for "Zahlen über Deutschland"

Hello, here is Christine from Mindmap Your German again, and here comes the next mindmap. Today there are figures about Germany. I divided the numbers into four areas: culture, geography, language, and food and drink. Let's start with the culture. Did you know that there is usually no speed limit on the motorways in Germany? That means you can just drive as fast as you want. However, there is a small limitation. Of course, there are highway passages with speed limits, and of course, there are hundreds of thousands of construction sites. This means that the average number for driving on the freeway without a speed limit is 65 percent. So, you have free travel on 65 percent of the freeways.

In Germany, there are 400 zoos in the most diverse cities in the country. 400 zoos in one country, that's a record worldwide. There are no more zoos in a country.

And it is probably also a record that there are 20,000 castles in Germany. 15,000, i.e. three quarters of them, are relatively well-preserved. Of course, you can't visit all of them, but you probably know the most famous castle: Neuschwanstein.

And as the last number, I have another year in this area: 1455. Maybe Gutenberg will tell you something, Mainz. Johannes Gutenberg's first book, the Bible, was printed in Mainz in 1455.

We'll go to geography. The geography is explained relatively quickly. We have 16 federal states. We have nine neighboring countries, and Germany is the seventh-largest country in Europe. There are, of course, six others that are larger.

We're going to "languages". There are 35 dialects in Germany, and perhaps you have already noticed when you travel through Germany or when you hear German people speak that some dialects are really very strong and relatively difficult to understand. I have had the experience that the stronger the dialect, the further south you are, except, of course, for such languages as Low German or something like that, but Southern German dialects are already relatively difficult to understand.

The longest German word has 63 letters. There is also information about an 80-letter word on the Internet, but that is not officially listed. This 63-letter word is officially listed, and I need to look at my second screen now. It's so hard to remember that I need to read it. Specifically, the word is Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz. It's certainly a word you'll never need in your entire life.

The German language is used by 200 million speakers, most of them logically in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. South Tyrol is still German-speaking, and so are various other regions.

And the German language is, amazingly or not, the language with the most words. And I've been thinking about why that is, and I think I know it. So, first of all, the number. The German language currently comprises, more or less up to date, 17.4 million words, and I believe that there are so many because we have a tendency and a propensity for compound words in Germany. This means that we can form words like this beef surveillance blah blah blah law and of course, these words all count individually. And that's why we have so many words. It works differently in other languages. For example, in Italian there are very few compound words. These German compound words are formed with single words plus prepositions or other types of words. That's the logic behind it.

We go to "food and drink". Germany also has some records to report. There are over 300 types of bread in Germany. There are so many, even in a local bakery there are so many, that there are different types of bread every day. So, the offer is not the same every day. There is a basic offer, and then there is potato bread on Mondays, pumpkin seed bread on Tuesdays, multigrain bread on Wednesdays and so on and so on, and there are the most adventurous variants.

But even more than breads, there are sausages. There are about 1000 types of sausages in

Germany. And a tradition is also, maybe you have heard or seen this before, when children go to the butcher, then there is always a piece of sausage for free for the children, either a slice of salami, or usually, it is yellow sausage or a small Viennese sausage, and the children get that as a gift there. This is a typical German tradition. I've never seen that before abroad.

There are 7,000 types of beer in Germany. These beers are brewed all over the country, of course, with a tendency towards Bavaria. Bavaria is the classic beer country. And there are about 1,500 breweries in Germany in total. So this means that each brewery also brews different beers.

And the last number for today: In Germany, an average of about 200 kilograms of fruit and vegetables are eaten per year. In comparison, it is about 70 kilograms of potatoes and just under 50 kilograms of meat.

And these are my numbers for you today. I hope you like the video. You can also practice the numbers a bit with this video if you like. I am happy if you subscribe to my channel, share, comment, wish for topics and contact me if you would like to have German lessons or other German services from me. If you would like to work with me: I'm here.

Have a wonderful day and see you next time. Bye.