

# The Federal Republic of Germany



# The „Reichstagsgebäude“



# That's Us

- ✓ 16 states
- ✓ the **North Sea** and the **Baltic Sea**
- ✓ high mountains – the **Alpes**
- ✓ lakes, cities, villages
- ✓ well-known rivers – the **Rhine**, the **Danube**, the **Elbe**
- ✓ famous monuments and landmarks





# German cities

- **Berlin** – political and cultural centre
- **Munich** – capital of Bavaria; famous „Hofbräuhaus“ and Oktoberfest
- **Dresden** – „Frauenkirche“ Cathedral of the Lady as a symbol of reconciliation after WW II
- **Frankfurt** – bank capital of Germany; one of the hubs in Europe
- **Hamburg and Bremen** – traditional harbours have been serving as gateways to the world
- **Rotenburg** – embodiment of a medieval German city





# We - The People In Germany

- 82 million people in our united country
  - Protestants, Catholics, Muslims and others
  - fewer children than 50 years ago
  - more old people
  - more than 7 million people from other countries live and work in Germany
- Germany is a **multicultural** society



nighttime

The image shows the interior of the Berlin Hauptbahnhof at night. The large, arched glass and steel roof is illuminated from within, creating a bright, starry pattern. The station's name 'Berlin Hauptbahnhof' and the DB logo are visible on the glass facade. People are walking on the platform below.

Berlin  
Mainstation



daylight



# Talking About Politics

- Berlin: very traditional and very modern – our capital
- proud to be a democracy in the EU
- Angela Merkel – our competent and very committed Chancellor



The Reichstag in Berlin houses the German Parliament (Bundestag)



# Made in Germany

- social market economy
- lack of natural resources
- knowledge society
- export of goods and services
- higher rate of unemployment than 30 years ago
- exploitation of social benefits and demographic trends have led to higher burden for the working population and retired people
- Volkswagen, Audi, Mercedes, BMW, Porsche
- BASF, Lufthansa, Siemens, Krupp, SAP

...and the famous  
„Gummibärchen“





# Young Germans



- diversified youth cultures
- modern and also still keeping traditional values
- realistic attitude towards life
- job market and future perspectives play a role
- supportive of the environment



# Berlin





## Young Germans

- love volunteering
- think school-leaving qualifications are important
- have certain interest in politics
- believe Europe is a positive option and
- globalisation is an asset





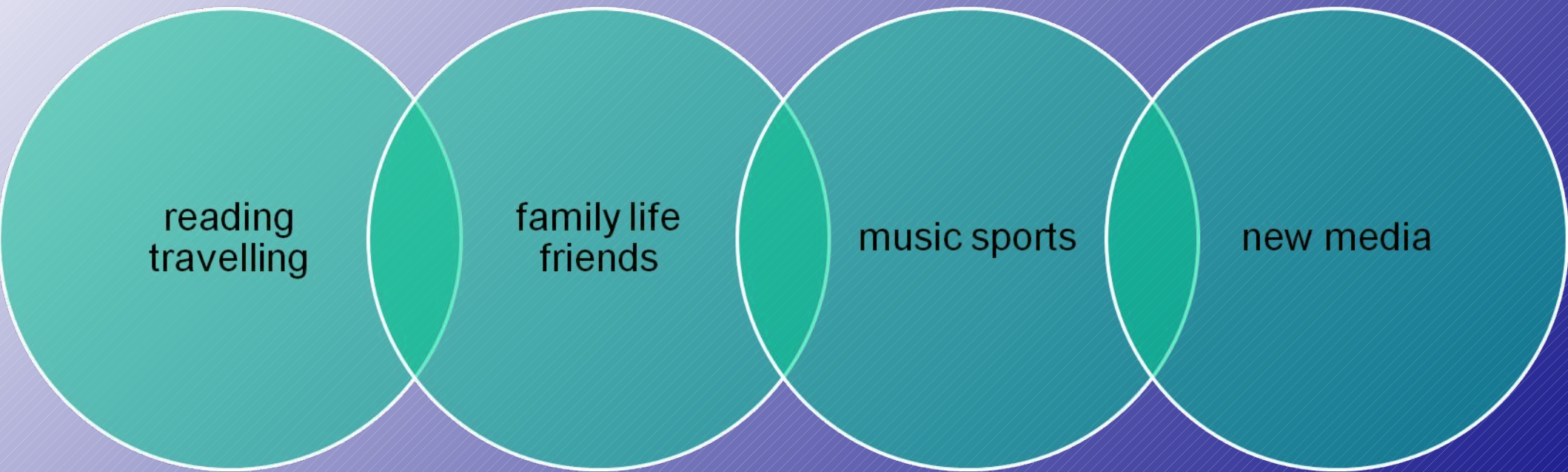
Berlin



Unter den Linden



party - party- party – and more 😊







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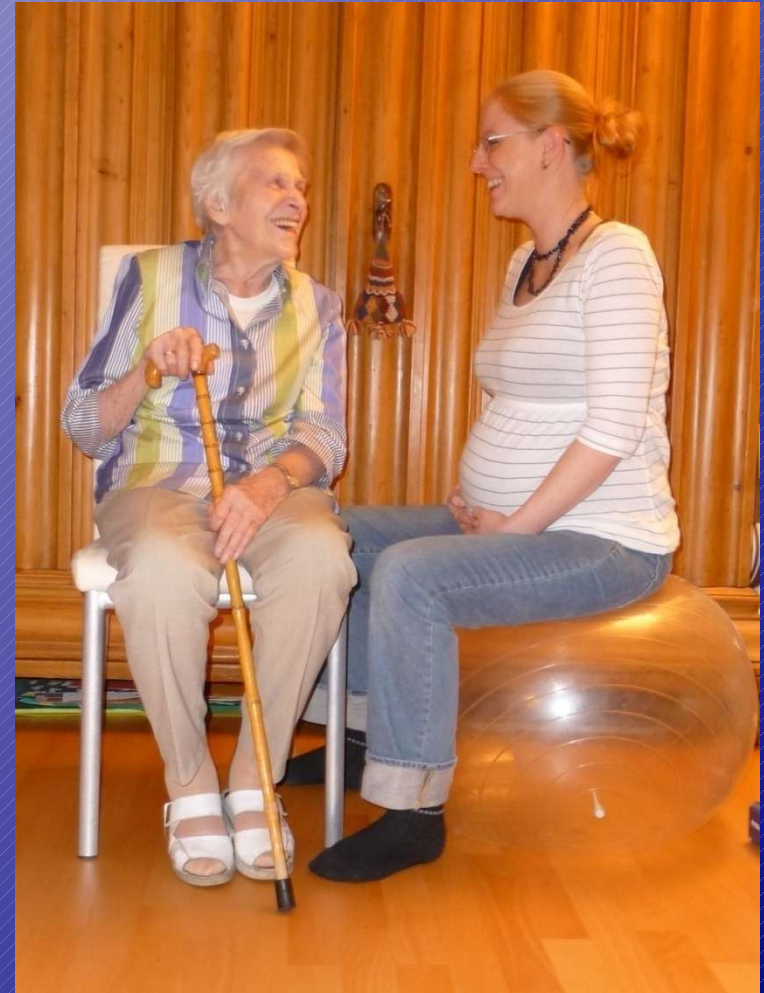
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# Family Life 😊

- many single households
- fewer marriages and more divorces
- patchwork families
- homosexual families
- both partners are equal
- both parents work

→ Family = Happiness









# The Media

- huge spectrum of newspapers and magazines
- books, books, books
- computer and Internet
- TV and radio
- „Der Spiegel“, „Die Zeit“, „BILD“, „Bravo“, „FAZ“
- ARD, ZDF, RTL...

# Frankfurt





# Cultural Life

- Goethe and Schiller, Brecht and Grass...
- „Hamburger Thalia“ and „Theater am Schiffsbauer Damm“
- musicals, concert halls and Berliner Philharmoniker
- „Der Mond ist aufgegangen..“ und „Stille Nacht“
- Bach, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Schumann, Beethoven, Wagner...Tokio Hotel, Die Prinzen...
- Leipziger Gewandhausorchester, Semper-Oper







# Germany – also a movie world

- „Das Leben der anderen“ (2006) Oscar Winner
- „Good bye, Lenin“
- „Die Blechtrommel“
- „Der blaue Engel“
- „Metropolis“

... and in English:

- „The Lives Of Others“
- „Good bye, Lenin“
- „The Tin Drum“
- „The Blue Angel“
- „Metropolis“



# The „Landtag“ (Parliament of Baden-Wuerttemberg)





# Great Museums

- Deutsches Museum in Munich (Science)
- Museumsinsel in Berlin and „Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz“ (world-famous museums dedicated to various collections of paintings, antique artefacts, etc.; World Heritage Site)
- Museum Ludwig in Cologne (Arts)
- Senckenbergmuseum in Frankfurt (Natural Science)



# The beautiful „Koelner Dom“ (Cathedral of Cologne)



# Freetime Activities and Sports



- soccer and other sports activities
- cultural events
- travelling and hiking
- club activities (huge number of various clubs such as music, sports, youth, chess clubs)







# Famous Germans

- **Johannes Gutenberg - printing press**
- **Martin Luther - reformator**
- **Kurt Sauerbruch - doctor**
- **Konrad-Adenauer - politician**
- **Willy Brandt – politician**
- **Günther Grass – writer**
- **Georg Friedrich von Händel – composer**
- **Heidi Klum – actress and model**
- **Michael Ballack – soccer player**
- **Carl Benz – inventor (automobile)**
- **Albert Einstein – physicist**
- **Steffi Graf, Boris Becker, Michael Schumacher - sportsmen, sportswoman**



# Nice Things

- beerstein
- dirndl – traditional women's clothing (Bavaria)
- lederhosen
- cuckoo clock
- returnable bottle
- garden gnome
- sauerkraut, bratwurst and schnitzel
- very delicious variety of bread
- Black Forest Cake (Schwarzwälderkerstorte 😊)





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