

Cognates - Verwandtschaftswörter

Last Sunday in class, we talked about cognates, words that are similar between German and English. We talked about why German and English are related: the common ancestry goes back to the Anglo-Saxons, who migrated 1500 years ago from today's northern Germany and southern Denmark into what is Great Britain today. Cognates are very helpful because they give an English speaker a head start into the German vocabulary. They have varying degrees of similarity in spelling and meaning, and we will explore them for a few more classes. I sent home three sheets of paper last Sunday, which contain the words below. Here, I took out a few words which are not *that* easy - you don't have to work on them, but you are welcome to if you like (extra credit).

Homework 1: Go to an online dictionary, Leo (<http://dict.leo.org>). In the lists below, identify the correct article (der, die, das) of all the nouns (spelled with capital letters) and write it into your hard copy list.

Homework 2: Without using the dictionary, "guestimate" the meaning of all the words in the lists below. You are welcome to check in the dictionary, but that can be confusing in some cases as the dictionary list *all possible translations* of a word. If you just write down the closest English meaning that you can guess, it will be easier.

Easy ones

Drama

Form

Gold

Hand

Finger

Tempo

Kilo

Land

Million

Name

Park

Quiz

Sand

Bank

Butter

Arm

Film

Ball

Gas

Bier

Glas

bitter

Gras

Hammer

Rest

Hunger

Ring

in

so

Plan

Sport

still

Stand

warm

Different endings

alle

backen

beginnen

bringen

Korken

kosten

Lampe

lernen

Lippe

Liste

waschen

Ende

finden

hängen

hindern

Kanne

packen

Rolle

singen

sinken

stinken

warnen

winden