

## 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).

Solution: For most of the nouns, I have provided English articles to distinguish them from verbs because the German verbs have different endings and would, therefore, be different cognates.

### Easy ones

das Drama – drama

die Form – the form

das Gold – gold

die Hand – the hand

der Finger – the finger

das Kilo(gramm) – kilo(gram)

das Land – the land

die Million – one million

der Name – the name

der Park – the park

das Quiz – the quiz

der Sand – the sand

das Tempo – tempo

die Bank – the bank

die Butter – the butter

der Arm – the arm

der Film – the film

der Ball – the ball

das Gas – the gas

das Bier – beer

das Glas – glass

bitter – bitter

das Gras - grass

der Hammer – the hammer

der Rest – the rest

der Hunger – the hunger

der Ring – the ring

in - in

so - so

der Plan – the plan

der Sport – sport

still – still (quiet, silent) as in “sit still”

der Stand – the stand

warm - warm

Different endings

alle - all

backen – to bake

beginnen – to begin

bringen - to bring

der Korken – the cork

kosten – to cost (verb)

die Lampe

lernen – to learn

die Lippe – the lip

die Liste – the list

waschen – to wash

das Ende – the end

finden – to find

hängen – to hang

hindern – to hinder

die Kanne – the can

packen – to pack

die Rolle – the roll, the role

singen – to sing

sinken – to sink

stinken – to stink

warnen – to warn

winden – to wind