

German Newsletter

This month's newsletter focuses on Music. We have selected different artists that you might like to discover and included links to their most well-known songs. We have also listed ideas to stretch yourself and a few tasks that you could complete to work towards your Language Expert badge. In order to promote the work of our students, we have also selected pieces of work which demonstrate the qualities of a Gifted and talented Language Learner.

Suggestions of artists:

- **Sarah Connor – Wie schön du bist:** Sarah Conors Geburtsname ist Sarah Terenzi, und sie schreibt Lieder, singt und ist auch Fernsehstar. Hör « [Wie schön du bist](#) » zu.
- **Tokio Hotel – Durch den Monsun :** eine sehr beliebte deutsche Popgruppe, die viele Fans aus der ganzen Welt hat. Hör « [Durch den Monsun](#) » zu
- **Yvonne Catterfeld - Pendel:** Sie wurde in Erfurt geboren. Mit 15 Jahren hat sie angefangen, Klavier und Flöte zu spielen. Hör « [Pendel](#) » zu

Ideas to stretch and challenge

- **Spotify:** You can listen to German music and see which songs are trending in Germany by clicking on Browse, Charts, Top 50 by country, Germany.
- **Translation:** Go further and select a song you like to translate the lyrics. You can also go on YouTube, watch the video clip and activate the subtitles (settings icon, switch on subtitles – if available)
- **Lyrics challenge:** Go on Lyricstraining.com to listen to German songs and try to type missing words in the lyrics! Here is one you could try « [Unheilig – Geboren Um Zu Leben](#) »
- **Events :** check the websites [German in London](#) and of the [Goethe Institute](#) to check all events going on in London related to Germany and German culture

Music tasks of the month:

- Create a poem/song in German on a topic of your choice.
- Choose a song in German and translate its lyrics.
- Research information about 3 German singers, listen to their songs and try to give your opinion of them

German Music Fact:

- One of the most popular German song of all time is by Nena. It was realised during a much tensed period of the Cold War and talks about 99 red balloons floating in the sky and identified as an attack by the military forces. Nena makes fun of the world leaders who were constantly waiting for an excuse to start a third world war.