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To the Instructor

Keeping Pace with the Profession: From Proficiency to the National Standards

Built on the foundation of four highly successful editions, the Fifth Edition of *Kontakte* offers a truly communicative approach that supports functional proficiency in all language skills. We believe that competent speakers must have an appropriate background knowledge of the communicative and cultural contexts in which language occurs. *Kontakte* places cultural competence, as an integral part of language learning, on par with communicative competence by providing natural contexts within which students can acquire and practice language.

Moreover, *Kontakte* supports the National Standards, as outlined in *Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century* (1996; National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project, a collaboration of the ACTFL, AATG, AATF, and AATSP). The five "Cs" of Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities describe what students should know and be able to do as a result of their language study. *Kontakte* provides a solid foundation for their implementation.

Communication: Kontakte emphasizes communication in meaningful contexts in the target language. Throughout, students listen to and read comprehensible German and have ample opportunities to use German in autograph, interview, information gap, role-play, writing, and other personalized activities.

Cultures: The Dialoge, the Kultur... Landeskunde... Informationen boxes, the Videoblick, the Videoecke, and the Lektüre present various perspectives on the cultures of Germanspeaking people. Students listen to, read, and respond to texts and—in the video—to interviews with native speakers.

Connections: Chapter themes and activities encourage students to link their study of German with their personal lives and other subjects they are studying.

Comparisons: The Situationen, the Kultur... Landeskunde... Informationen boxes, the

Videoblick, and the **Videoecke** lead students to make comparisons between their world and that of German-speaking people.

Communities: Through a number of activities, such as expanded **Nach dem Lesen** exercises, students have direct contact with the German-speaking world at home and abroad. The new Online Learning Center website provides additional opportunities for contact with the German-speaking world.

New to the Fifth Edition

Throughout the review process, we received valuable input from instructors and students alike. As a result, we have undertaken a number of changes in the Fifth Edition, without altering the basic concept and approach of *Kontakte*.

- At the request of reviewers, information-gap, role-play, and interview activities now appear as early as **Einführung A**, thus providing students earlier opportunities for simple, controlled production.
- Each chapter now has two readings, each with pre-, while-, and post-reading activities. These **Lektüren** are placed within the chapter topics where thematically most relevant. The activities are designed to develop the full range of reading strategies. Some readings have glossing, but others have **Mini-Wörterbücher**, in order to practice different reading strategies. Refer to the Instructor's Manual for more details.
- There are new and engaging vocabulary displays in many chapters.
- Each chapter has a Videoblick feature tied to the *Blickkontakte* video. It appears among the Situationen at a thematically relevant place. The Instructor's Manual provides additional activities for these video clips.
- The topics **Beschreibungen** and **Eigenschaften** are merged under **Beschreibungen** in **Einführung B. Der Körper** is also in **Einführung B.** The result is a balance of topics in the introductory chapters: **Einführung A** and **B** now have six topics each.

- The topic of **Tiere** is now in **Kapitel 10**, replacing **Kleider und Aussehen**, which many felt to be redundant with clothing topics in **Einführung A** and **Kapitel 2**.
- **Kapitel 12** has a new title to better reflect its content: **Die moderne Gesellschaft.**
- The conjugation of **sein** and **haben** is now presented in **Einführung B.**
- Dative verbs are now introduced much earlier, namely in **Kapitel 6.**
- To better reflect real-world language use, the comparative and superlative are now introduced together in **Kapitel 7**.
- The simple past tense of **haben** and **sein** now appears alongside the review of perfect tense in **Kapitel 7**, allowing for a more natural integration of the formal structures with communicative contexts.

- To improve on the affinity between vocabulary topic and grammar, the imperative summary appears in **Kapitel 10** where students learn to ask and give directions and formulate polite requests.
- The passive voice is now in **Kapitel 10** as well.
- Subjunctive hätte and wäre are now presented alongside würde + infinitive in Kapitel 12, thereby providing a more rounded presentation of the communicative tools for talking about probability and irreality.
- In **Kapitel 12**, we have re-introduced and updated the topic **Das liebe Geld** from the Second Edition.
- In **Kapitel 12**, genitive prepositions are now introduced alongside the general introduction to genitive case.
- The Strukturen und Übungen section of Kapitel 12 now presents a thorough overview summary of case.

A Guided Tour of Kontakte, **Fifth Edition**

Situationen

Colored drawings introduce vocabulary. Activities for communication support the acquisition of vocabulary and structures. Grammar references tie activities to specific grammar points.



Each chapter, with the exception of the two introductory chapters, has the following structure:

- Situationen
- Videoecke
- Wortschatz
- Strukturen und Übungen

Our guided tour presents an overview of the chapter structure and features of Kontakte.

Wortschatz

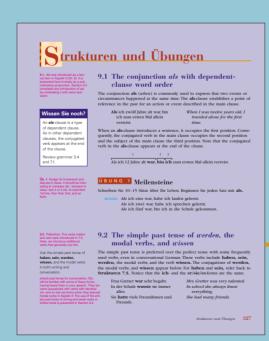
Lists contain all the newly introduced vocabulary in the chapter. Diacritical marks help students learn proper pronunciation.

Wortschatz

Lektüre

Two readings, along with pre- and post-reading exercises, support reading skills. The readings appear in the **Situationen** sections.







Videoecke

Activities support listening/viewing comprehension skills for the interview footage found on the *Blickkontakte* video.

Strukturen und Übungen

Clear, concise grammar explanations and form-focused exercises provide a solid foundation for acquiring grammatical structures.



Situationen

Communicative activities form the core of *Kontakte*. Most activities are done with partners, small groups, or the whole class.

Kultur... Landeskunde... Informationen

These short cultural readings offer insights into the German-speaking world. They are accompanied by activities that aid students in comparing and contrasting their own culture with that of the German-speaking countries.



Videoblick

Appearing once in each chapter, this video feature shows a still-frame from the **Galerie** video clip and presents questions to activate students' background knowledge and reveal their schemata of interpretation.





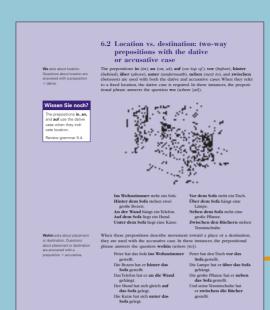


Lesehilfe

This sidebar box offers background information on readings and tips to students for improving their reading skills.

Übungen

Following each of the grammar descriptions, these form-focused exercises practice the key grammatical concepts of the chapter.



Wissen Sie noch?

A mini-review and cross-reference for students to key grammar points that have already been covered.



Icons

Six different icons indicate information gap, writing, role-playing, listening, interview, and autograph activities.

Exciting Multimedia Supplements for *Kontakte*, Fifth Edition

The Fifth Edition of *Kontakte* is accompanied by an array of multimedia supplements to support your instruction and your students' language learning needs.

Blickkontakte Video

The Fifth Edition of *Blickkontakte* offers the variety of authentic video materials that has won wide praise. As before, the Fifth Edition contains interviews with native speakers, filmed on location in Leipzig. Viewing and listening comprehension for the **Interview** segments are supported by the **Videoecke** feature in each chapter, consisting of photographs, interview questions, and viewing activities.





Fourteen selections from authentic German television broadcasts, called **Galerie**, correspond to the new **Videoblick** feature found in each chapter of the main text. These were selected based on their accessibility, cultural and linguistic richness, and their interest to present-day students. In addition to the **Videoblick** exercises, the *Instructor's Manual* contains overhead transparencies and expanded activities that correspond to the **Galerie** segments. Yet another set of activities for the **Galerie** segments is included in the student CD-ROM.

Student CD-ROM

The student CD-ROM for the Fifth Edition contains updated interactive video activities based on the *Blickkontakte* video. There are also new grammar and vocabulary exercises, as well as listening, speaking, and writing activities. A new set of culture activities has been added as well.

Online Arbeitsbuch

New to the Fifth Edition is the exciting **Online** *Arbeitsbuch*, produced in collaboration with QuiaTM. This online version of the paper *Arbeitsbuch* offers students an integrated *Audio Program* and self-correcting and self-scoring activities. Instructors will find a sophisticated gradebook feature and tracking of student and class performance.



Online Learning Center

An entirely new **Online Learning Center** website accompanies the Fifth Edition of *Kontakte*. This website offer students a wide variety of resources, including additional vocabulary and grammar practice, cultural activities, and much more. *Premium Content* is available on the *Online Learning Center;* this password-protected *Premium Content* is provided free of charge to all students purchasing a new text-

book. *Premium Content* includes the complete *Audio Program* to accompany the *Arbeitsbuch*. Students purchasing a used textbook may purchase access to the *Premium Content* separately, for a nominal fee.

Instructors will find digital color transparencies, links to professional resources, and other valuable tools on the Instructor's Center of the *Online Learning Center*.

The Kontakte Program: Exceptional Instructional Materials

The instructional package of *Kontakte*, Fifth Edition, includes the following materials, designed to complement your instruction and to enhance your students' learning experience. Please contact your local McGraw-Hill sales representative for information on availability and costs of these materials.

Available to adopters *and* to students:

- Student Edition. Full-color textbook with activities, grammar explanations and exercises, and helpful appendices.
- Textbook Listening Program. A 1-hour program containing the dialogues, selected texts from the KLI boxes, and readings, is available free on the Online Learning Center.
- Arbeitsbuch. A complete manual for further practice and acquisition of the four skills and cultural competence.
- Online Arbeitsbuch. This online version of the Arbeitsbuch, produced in collaboration with QuiaTM, offers the same outstanding practice activities as the paper Arbeitsbuch, with many additional advantages such as automatic feedback and scoring, and a gradebook feature for instructors.
- Audio Program. A 7-hour program, on audio CD or MP3, containing pronunciation practice and listening comprehension texts, including the dialogues and narration series from the main text.
- Interactive CD-ROM. This interactive CD-ROM, completely revised for the Fifth Edition, includes vocabulary practice activities and games, grammar practice activities, as well as cultural, reading, writing and speaking activities. The CD-ROM also includes extensive video-based activities, which offer students an excellent source of authentic input.

- New! Kontakte Online Learning Center. A webbased learning center with online activities and study resources for students, as well as a variety of resources for instructors.
- A Practical Guide to Language Learning: A Fifteen-Week Program of Strategies for Success, by H. Douglas Brown (San Francisco State University). A brief introduction to language learning written for beginning students.

Available to adopters only:

- Instructor's Edition. The main text containing margin notes with suggestions for using and expanding on the materials in the text, additional cultural information, teaching hints, and listening comprehension texts.
- Blickkontakte video to accompany Kontakte. A 1-hour video containing 14 interview segments with native speakers (filmed in Leipzig) and 14 non-commercial video clips from ZDF broadcasts.
- Instructor's Resource CD-ROM. A CD-ROM containing testing materials from the Test Bank, color and black-and-white electronic overhead transparencies, the Instructor's Manual, and the Audioscript.
- Instructor's Manual. A handy manual that provides a guided walk through Einführungen A/B and Kapitel 1 presents information on Natural Approach theory and practice and offers hints and practical guidance to instructors. Included in the Instructor's Manual are transparency masters of the drawings in the main text as well as video activities for the authentic television footage on the Blickkontakte video.

- *Audioscript.* A transcript containing all the material recorded in the *Audio Program*.
- *Test Bank* with *Testing Audio Program*. A collection of testing materials—thoroughly revised for the Fifth Edition—for assessing listening comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, culture, and oral proficiency.
- *Picture File.* 50 full color, 9" × 12" photographs taken exclusively for *Kontakte* in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.
- From Input to Output. A 1-hour instructional video containing demonstrations of the Natural Approach using **Kontakte** and filmed at the University of Iowa.

The Natural Approach

Kontakte is based on Tracy D. Terrell's Natural Approach, which originally drew on aspects of Stephen D. Krashen's "Monitor Model" and its five hypotheses on instructed second-language acquisition. These five hypotheses are discussed in detail in the *Instructor's Manual* that accompanies Kontakte. The following are among the most important aspects of the Natural Approach as applied in this program:

- 1. Comprehension precedes production. Students' ability to use new vocabulary and grammar is directly related to the opportunities they have to listen to and read vocabulary and grammar in a natural context.
- 2. Production needs to be acquired, too. While comprehension activities need to take up a large amount of classroom time in early chapters and considerable amounts in later chapters as well, students need to be given numerous opportunities to express their own meaning in communicative contexts. Ideally, comprehension activities are topped off by speaking and/or writing, and production activities are introduced by listening or reading.
- 3. Speech emerges in stages. Kontakte allows for three stages of language development:
 Stage 1. Comprehension: Einführung A
 Stage 2. Early speech: Einführung B
 Stage 3. Speech emergence: Kapitel 1
 The activities in Einführung A are designed to give students an opportunity to develop good comprehension skills without being required to speak much German. The activities in Einführung B are designed to encourage the transition from comprehension to an ability to make natural responses with short phrases. By the end of the Einführung, most students are making the transition from short answers to longer

- phrases and short sentences, using the materials of the **Einführung.** With the new material in each chapter, students will pass through the same three stages.
- 4. Speech emergence is characterized by grammatical errors. It is to be expected that students will make many errors when they begin putting words together into sentences, because it is difficult to monitor spontaneous speech. These early errors do not become permanent, nor do they affect students' future language development. We recommend correcting errors by expanding and rephrasing students' responses into grammatically correct sentences.
- **5. Group work encourages speech.** Most of the activities lend themselves to pair or small-group work, which allows for more opportunities to interact in German during a given class period and provides practice in a non-threatening atmosphere.
- 6. Students acquire language best in a low-anxiety environment. Students will be most successful when they are interacting in communicative activities that they enjoy. The goal is for them to express themselves as best they can and to develop a positive attitude toward their second-language experience. The Natural Approach instructor will create an accepting and enjoyable environment in which to acquire and learn German.
- 7. The goal of the Natural Approach is proficiency in communication skills. Proficiency is defined as the ability to convey information and/or feelings in a particular situation for a particular purpose. Grammatical accuracy is one part of communicative proficiency, but it is not a prerequisite.

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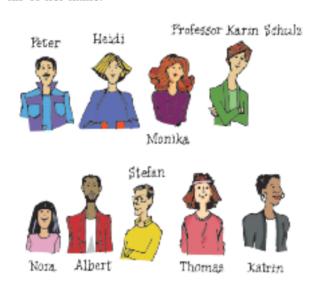
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To the Student

The Cast of Characters

The people you will read and talk about in *Kontakte* reappear in activities and exercises throughout the text. Some are American students, and others are from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

First, there is a group of students learning German at the University of California at Berkeley. Although they all have different majors, they are all in Professor Karin Schulz's German class. You will meet eight students in the class: Steve (Stefan), Heidi, Al (Albert), Nora, Monique (Monika), Peter, Kathy (Katrin), and Thomas. Each uses the German version of his or her name.



Little by little, you will be introduced to people who live in various parts of the German-speaking world. For example, in Göttingen, Germany, you will meet Silvia Mertens and her boyfriend, Jürgen Baumann. You will also get to know the Schmitz family. Rolf Schmitz, who is studying psychology at the University of California in Berkeley and who knows many of the students in Professor Schulz's German class, lives with his parents in Göttingen over the university holidays. He was born in Krefeld, a town near Düsseldorf, where his grandmother, Helene Schmitz, still lives. Rolf has twin sisters, Helga and Sigrid.



In Germany, you will also accompany an American student, Claire Martin, on her travels. Her best friends are Melanie Staiger and Josef Bergmann from Regensburg.



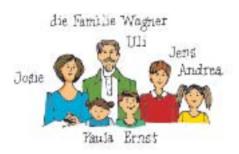
In Berlin, you will meet Renate Röder, who is single and who works for a computer company. Renate travels a lot and speaks several languages in addition to German. You will also meet Mehmet Sengün. Mehmet, who came with his family to Berlin from Turkey when he was 10, works as a truck driver.



In Dresden, you will meet Sofie Pracht, a student at the Technische Universität. Sofie is studying biology and wants to become a biologist. Her best friend is Willi Schuster, who is also a student at the TU Dresden. Marta Szerwinski, a friend of Sofie's and Willi's, comes from Poland, but is currently working in Dresden.



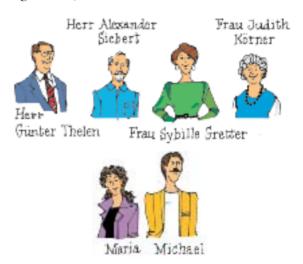
In the Munich neighborhood of Schwabing, you will meet two families: the Wagners and the Rufs. In the Wagner family, you will meet Josie and Uli, their son Ernst, and their daughters, Andrea and Paula. Jens Krüger, their cousin, comes to visit quite often, so you will meet him as well. The Wagners' neighbors are the Ruf family: Jochen Ruf, a writer who works at home and takes care of the children and household, and Margret, a businesswoman who is president of Firma Seide, which manufactures toys. They have two children: Jutta, who is a student at the Goethe Gymnasium (*bigh school*) with Jens Krüger, and Hans, her younger brother.





There are others in the neighborhood as well, such as Herr Günter Thelen and Herr Alexander

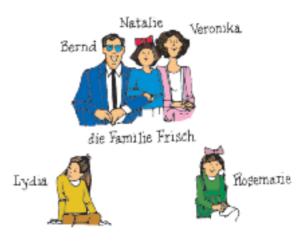
Siebert, Frau Sybille Gretter, Frau Judith Körner, Michael Pusch—who is very taken with himself—and his girlfriend, Maria Schneider.



In Austria, you will get to know Richard Augenthaler, who is 18 and has just graduated from high school.



In Switzerland, you will meet the Frisch family, Veronika and Bernd and their three children. Veronika and Bernd live and work in Zürich, but they like to travel, and we will follow them on different occasions.



Getting Started with Kontakte

During your German course, you will be working primarily with two texts: The main text and the *Arbeits-buch*. Both texts have been designed to provide

you with ample opportunities to practice German in natural contexts. The following chart will give you an overview of these two books.

The Main Text	What Is It?	How Will It Help?
Situationen (oral activities)	Oral activities done in class with instructor and classmates.	Give you opportunities to listen to and interact with others in German.
Lektüre, Kultur Landeskunde Informationen (reading, culture boxes)	Short readings and visuals on interesting topics or cultural topics relevant to the German-speaking world. For class or homework.	Allow you to acquire German and help you to learn about the German-speaking world.
Videoblick, Videoecke (video view, video corner)	Video-based activities and exercises.	Allow you to hear and view a wide range of native speakers in authentic contexts.
Wortschatz (vocabulary list)	A list of the new words that appear in the Situationen .	For reference or review.
Strukturen und Übungen (grammar and exercises)	Explanations and examples of grammar rules followed by exercises, at the end of each chapter.	For self-study and for reference. Refer to the grammar when you edit your writing.
Appendices A, B	Part 2 of the Informationsspiele and Rollenspiele .	For use in the paired information gap and role-play activities.
Appendix C	Rules for the German Spelling Reform.	For quick reference.
Appendix D	Phonetics Summary Tables. A summary of German pronunciation and spelling.	For quick reference.
Appendix E	Grammar Summary Tables. Summaries of major grammatical points introduced.	For quick reference.
Appendix F	Verb charts of conjugation patterns of regular verbs and a list of strong and irregular weak verbs.	For quick reference.
Appendix G	Answers to single-response grammar exercises.	For checking your answers.
End vocabularies	German-English/English-German end vocabularies containing all the vocabulary used in <i>Kontakte</i> .	For reference.

The Arbeitsbuch (Laboratory Manual and Workbook)

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How Will It Help?

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(listening comprehension)

Authentic listening activities with short comprehension activities.

Provide you with more opportunities to listen to and acquire German outside of class.

Aussprache und Orthographie

(pronunciation and spelling)

Recorded pronunciation and spelling exercises.

Introduce you to the sound system and spelling conventions of German.

Schriftliche Aktivitäten

(written work)

Writing activities, coordinated with the chapter theme, vocabulary, and grammar.

Allow you to practice vocabulary and grammatical structures and to express yourself in writing creatively.

Kulturecke

(cultural corner)

Activities that review key cultural points found in the corresponding chapter of the main text.

Help you identify, review, and remember the important cultural information of the chapter.

Answer key

Answers to many of the recorded Hörverständnis and Aussprache und Orthographie exercises as well as to some of the Schriftliche Aktivitäten exercises.

Give you immediate feedback on comprehension, pronunciation and spelling, and written activities.







EU-LÄNDER	EINWOHNER			
(ab Mai 2004)	(2003)			
Belgien	10,3 Mio.			
Dänemark	5,4 Mio.			
Deutschland	82,5 Mio.			
Estland	1,4 Mio.			
Finnland	5,2 Mio.			
Frankreich	60,2 Mio.			
Griechenland	10,7 Mio.			
Großbritannien	60,1 Mio.			
Irland	3,9 Mio.			
Italien	58,0.Mio.			
Lettland	2,3 Mio.			
Litauen	3,6 Mio.			
Luxemburg	0,4 Mio.			
Malta	0,4 Mio.			
die Niederlande	16,2 Mio.			
Österreich	8,2 Mio.			
Polen	38,6 Mio.			
Portugal	10,1 Mio.			
Schweden	8,9 Mio.			
die Slowakei	5,4 Mio.			
Slowenien	1,9 Mio.			
Spanien	40,2 Mio.			
Tschechien	10,2 Mio.			
Ungarn	10,0 Mio.			
Zypern	0,8 Mio.			
Gesamtbevölkerungszahl	454,9 Mio.			





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