

Using Dice to Practise the Conjugation of Verbs

Junior Cycle Modern Foreign Language

Target Language - German

Strand 2 - Language Awareness

Elements - Reflecting on how the target language works.

Learning Outcomes - 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3



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This novel activity gives pupils the opportunity to practise the conjugation of German verbs using dice.

How it maps to the curriculum

▼  German

STRAND: 2. Language Awareness

STRAND UNIT: 1. The Workings of the Target Language



SUGGESTIONS FOR USE: Pupils use dice to provide unexpected ways of manipulating German verbs.

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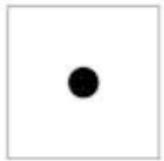
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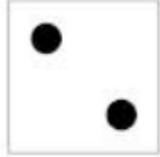
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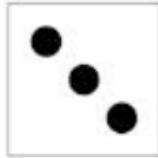
This activity is a great way to give pupils an opportunity to practise the conjugation of verbs. The novelty element of the dice enables them to practise many forms of the verbs and manipulate the language.



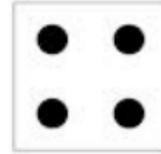
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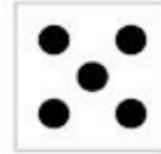
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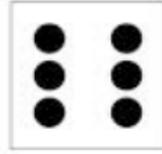
er / sie



wir



ihr



sie

You can start with the present tense and let the pupils practise the verb forms.

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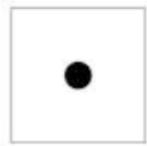
This method enables the pupils to practise a large number of verb forms in a short space of time. The ideal pupil arrangement is in groups of four.

1. Give out ten blank cards and invite the pupils to copy one infinitive each onto the cards.
2. Place the cards in the middle of the table face down.
3. The pupils take turns to reveal a card, then roll the dice and say the appropriate response.

Example: kaufen / dice  / wir kaufen – the pupil then keeps the card.

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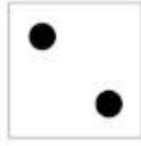
After all the cards have been used the activity shifts to a different level. This time the dice represent something else:



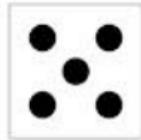
present tense



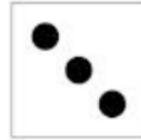
imperative



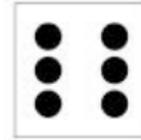
ask a question



future tense



simple past



interrogative

Announce the person: du

Example: kaufen / dice



/ du wirst kaufen

Level 1 – weak verbs

kaufen	tanzen
besuchen	arbeiten
kochen	fragen
trinken	sagen
kommen	singen

Level 2 – strong verbs

sein	schlafen
helfen	fahren
essen	laufen
nehmen	schlafen
geben	sprechen

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